

Alberni Athletic Soccer Club

Board Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

8:00 pm via Zoom

Present: Board Members: Ralph Spencer, Angela Harvey, Melissa Cross, Stephanie Linning, Richard Giele, Chris Arcus, Jeremy Linning Staff: Ashley Van Vliet, Travis Cross

Call to Order: 8:15 p.m.

The Alberni Athletics Soccer Club respectfully acknowledges the territories of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, on whose lands we train, compete, live, and grow.

Motion: *to adopt the previous minutes from January 6, 2025 Board Meeting.*

Errors or Omissions: none

Melissa/Richard/Carried

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

CHAIR: {Ralph} Nothing to report.

VICE CHAIR: {Karen} Absent.

TREASURER: {Angela} Emailed report.

Current Fiscal Year:

Total Revenue: \$195,891.21

Total Expenses: \$152,212.74

Notable expenses in January:

Photos: 4,179.50

Ref Fees: \$2,170.00

Bank Balances @ January 31, 2025

Chequing: \$105, 101.17

Gaming: \$12,228.32

Savings: \$12,491.78

Cash: \$1,255.65

SECRETARY: {Melissa} Handed out Tim Bit balls to every elementary school in the valley. Administrators were very grateful.

ADMINISTRATOR: {Ashley} Soccer Day update: met with Linda and discussed soccer day in length; need volunteers; parade will go ahead.

MOTION: *To adopt Executive Report's*

Chris/Richard/Carried

Director Reports:

U5/6 Girls: {Tim C} Absent. Nothing to report.

U5/6 Boys: {Ralph} Nothing to report.

U7/8 Girls: {Tim C} Absent. Nothing to report.

U7 Boys: {Chris} Division is running smoothly with 4 teams. Some coaches have needed reminders about field clean up.

U8 Boys: {Richard} House seeing strong attendance for both practices and games. Numbers in DS for the Winter session have grown significantly compared to Fall. Three house teams at this age have registered for Mini World Cup in Campbell River. Hoping to get some field times for these teams to practice between end of season and Mini World Cup.

Action: Ashley will book some field times and dates for practice options for participating MWC teams. She will email coaches with information when she has it.

U9 Boys: {Jeremy} Nothing to report.

U9/10 Girls: {Amy} Absent. Report sent via email. Girls are progressing nicely; games have been quite competitive. Have to move players around for games to make roster numbers more even as attendance varies. Two new players recently registered.

U10/11 Boys: {Ashleigh} Absent. Nothing to report.

U11/12/13 Girls: {Amy}: Absent. Report sent via email. January West Coast games went well by mixing players to ensure more equal strength teams. Longer term solution needed for the WC team as it's a four-year spread. Attendance continues to be low on some AV teams, with two girls giving notice that they are no longer playing (one U11 stating it's challenging being a small 10-year-old playing against bigger/older kids). One new player recently registered. Overall girls all seem to be enjoying the season.

U12/13 Boys: {Tim K} Absent. Nothing to report.

U14+: {Danielle}: Absent. Nothing to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF: {Ralph} Probably will not do a small-sided referee course before next season.

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: {Shane} Absent.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: {Travis}

- Telus She Can recruitment underway. We aim to have 12 women confirmed in the program by later February.
- Working on final detail for Quality Soccer Provider application due asap.
- Will discuss meeting with Stefan Szkwarek and the Board in Old Business to determine if hiring him to develop a technical plan is wanted or not.
- Intention is to develop Spring programming. Format tbd. Travis will send out options.
- Been in talks with Kevin Lindo who is interested in running a Spring Break Camp in PA. Will need support to promote it through the club, would need a contact for booking fields and approval in using the Club's equipment. Coaches and junior coaches could be welcomed on field or as staff if they fit the criteria. Cost is \$85.00 per player for a 1-day session. U8 to U18. Board was in support of him coming but Travis will connect with Kevin to firm up fine details.

UISA: {Stephanie} UISA is not organizing REP games for Super 9 teams. Travis is in discussion with other TD's to see if planning friendly games will be an option within participating clubs.

MOTION: *to accept director's reports.*

Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vevo Usage Policy: BC Soccer response was that they do not provide guidance or wording regarding items we still need to work through around VEO consent.

Action: Richard will look to other clubs for direction and craft another drafted version of the policy.

2. Stefan Szkwarek – Technical Plan Update:

Action: Travis will confirm a date with Stefan to come talk to the club as a secondary stage in a proposed Technical Plan. This will be at a cost \$300.00 to the club. Travis will email board members to confirm that we will have quorum for the meeting before it goes ahead.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Scholarship & Bursaries: Ralph, Angela and Melissa will form a committee. Ralph and Melissa to present.

MOTION: *move to set aside \$2000 for scholarships and bursaries and the committee will decide on how the money is allocated.*

Jeremy/Angela/Carried

Next Meeting: March 3rd @ 8pm - Zoom

Adjourned: 9:41 p.m.