

Alberni Athletic Soccer Club

Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2025

8:00 pm via Zoom

Present: Board Members: Ralph Spencer, Melissa Cross, Shane Longman, Jeremy Linning, Stephanie Linning, Danielle Hahn, Tim Crosby, Richard Giele, Chris Arcus, Tim Keizer Staff: Ashley Van Vliet, Travis Cross

Call to Order: 8:04 p.m.

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

Motion: *to adopt the previous minutes from February 3, 2025 Board Meeting.*

Errors or Omissions: none

Shane/Ashleigh/Carried

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

CHAIR: {Ralph} Nothing to report.

VICE CHAIR: {Karen} Absent.

TREASURER: {Angela} Absent. Emailed report.

Current Fiscal Year:

Total Revenue: \$195,962.71

Total Expenses: \$155,256.94

Notable expenses in February

Office Reno: \$371.58

Office expenses: \$433.32 (Annual zoom fee and new cheques)

Ref Fees: \$860.00 (only one weekend of games)

Bank Balances @ February 28, 2025

Chequing: \$103,106.69

Gaming: \$11,138.32

Savings: \$12,498.25

Cash: \$0.00 (All cash was deposited into General account in Feb)

SECRETARY: {Melissa} Attended a meeting about a soccer initiative drawing attention and involving a group of community members trying to get a 2026 World Cup team to come play a game in Port Alberni. Will continue to update the board with any key points relating to AASC.

ADMINISTRATOR: {Ashley} Soccer Day update: still looking for volunteers, will send an email through Team Snap to get extra helpers; parade is beening organized by Jen Smith.

MOTION: *To adopt Executive Report's*

Chris/Jeremy/Carried

Director Reports:

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

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

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

U7 Boys: {Chris} Nothing to report.

U8 Boys: {Richard} Nothing to report.

U9 Boys: {Jeremy} Nothing to report.

U9/10 Girls: {Amy} Attendance fluctuates with weather. Have had to combine 4 teams for games into 2 teams with more players on a bigger field, which went well.

U10/11 Boys: {Ashleigh} A few coaches have expressed frustration over the team snap scheduling and playing specific teams numerous times and other teams only once or twice through the season thus far.

U11/12/13 Girls: {Amy}: Attendance for games continues to be low for some of the teams. Have had to adjust teams and playing format last minute, depending on players and if playing the WC girls team.

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

U14+: {Danielle}: Wind up pizza night for this division on March 7th. The numbers did drop off after New Year's but has been positive overall.

REFEREE IN CHIEF: {Ralph} Had a referee from Nanaimo do the home Cup game on March 2nd. Referees have stepped up all season, even during the bad weather days. If you have a referee who wants to do the course soon, they will have to go out of town as we won't be doing one before next season.

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR: {Shane} Getting the wheels repaired on nets that are on the turf; Tim Bits changes: jerseys are only up to U7 going forward; Turf Shed Clean Up: will need to include some coach reminders of expectations with the welcoming email at the beginning of next season, put ear protection in the shed for blowing up balls, have been working with SD70 and will move ahead with getting an AED in the shed - will bring info to the board as it comes.

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: {Travis}

- Quality Soccer Provider application sent in.
- Player evaluations sheets updated and sent out to be completed by coaches.
- Matchday Soccer Camp March 18. Registrations have been strong. Kevin Lindo is willing to have coach/board member conversations after the clinic if there is interest.
- Spring Soccer Model Approved – Registration will open asap.
- We have 12 Telus She Can coaches registered. Program opens March 5th.

UISA: {Stephanie} Doing a jamboree with 6 - U12 rep teams; UISA is not going to be organizing anything for Super 9 teams, some TDs are trying to organize their own games during the spring phase.

MOTION: *to accept director's reports.*

Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vevo Usage Policy: Richard will make final adjustments so policy can be put forward for a motion next meeting.
2. Stefan Szkwarek – Technical Plan Update: We didn't have quorum to move forward with the scheduled meeting, so it was cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AASC Tournament Attendance Policy: Policy Overview: AASC recognizes the importance of and encourages all its teams to participate in tournaments throughout the season and on occasion travel abroad for soccer related experiences. See emailed attachment with more policy details.

Danielle/Stephanie/Carried

2. AASC Office and Clubhouse Policy: Policy Overview: AASC members can request the use of the AASC Clubhouse and Office Space, members can use free of charge if relating to team activities. See email attachment with more policy details.

Chris/Shane/Carried

3. Spring Rep Fees:

MOTION: *Rep players will pay \$50.00 each to participate in the 2025 spring phase.*

Chris/Stephanie/Carried

Action: Travis will communicate this fee requirement to Rep teams. Teams will have an option to participate. Players can e-transfer club.

4. Annual General Meeting: This year's AGM will be scheduled on May 5th. Advertising for the meeting will need to be sent out to members no later than one month in advance.
5. Updates to Bylaws: Any changes or updates to the Constitution and Bylaws will need to happen at the AGM. Please review and address by email if needed.
6. Fee Structure Committee: Stephanie, Tim C, Melissa will meet with Angela/Dana to discuss the overall Fee Structures for next season. One main question the board is wanting to know is an approximate cost per player (insurance, administrative/TD time, lights, turf, referee, equipment, jerseys, etc).
7. Elections: Up for re-election at the upcoming AGM: Chair (Ralph); Secretary (Melissa); Treasurer (Angela has stepped down 1-year into a 2-year term – Would Dana then accept a 1-year term to stagger executive expirations? Or?); Equipment Manager (Shane Longman); UISA Rep (Stephanie Linning); Division Directors (Amy Anaka, Richard Giele, Tim Keizer, Tim Crosby).

Next Meeting: April 7th @ 7:30 pm - Zoom

Adjourned: 9:32 p.m.