



Lakewood Soccer Association, Inc.

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President Report – Leonard Lewko

Lakewood Soccer would like to acknowledge Treaty 6 territory and that we play soccer on the traditional and ancestral lands of the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Nakota and Saulteaux First Nations and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Reconciliation and Treaty 6 is honoured and respected.

Lakewood Soccer continues to evolve with organizational staff changes. We parted ways with Lewis Oteruelo as our General Manager in July 2024 after six plus years. Kara Friske has been the staff registration coordinator since late 2021 and is the lead for communications with our members as well as for registration questions. Tim Mangan moved from a staff coach to the Lakewood Technical Director position in early 2023. In the summer of 2023 Becky Kirkham joined Lakewood as our female technical lead. In September 2024 Dan Kelly joined Lakewood Soccer as our Director, Soccer Operations. Dan's role is still being finalized, but it will have a broader accountability than the previous General Manager position. We have several core technical staff that have been with us for multiple years. Many are ex-Lakewood players. The organizational structure for both the staff and board will be reviewed as we launch strategic planning in early 2025.

I want to thank the employees and the technical staff coaches for the great work they do for Lakewood Soccer.

We launched the first issue of "The Heartbeat of Lakewood" on April 06, 2023. We have been using this to bring information and news to our members on a regular basis. This is the place we have shared material about our technical staff, our teams and our coaches. And lots of pictures! The Heartbeat has published regularly throughout 2023 and early in 2024. The key driver behind the Heartbeat left Lakewood mid-way through 2024 and we are re-organizing to make sure we continue to deliver this newsletter on a regular basis.

Our player registration took a big jump starting with the indoor 2023-24 season with an increase of 100 players followed by an additional increase of 20 players for indoor 2024-25. This increase also occurred for the outdoor 2024 season with an additional 70 players. We feel we are now benefiting from both population growth and solid soccer programming.

We have a very strong core of volunteers including board members, team coaches and team managers. I want to thank the board members who have served Lakewood Soccer over the last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard Lewko