



## **Lakewood Soccer Association, Inc.**

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, December 05, 2023**

#### **President's Report – Leonard Lewko**

We have launched two new initiatives in 2023. The first started on April 06 with Issue 01 of “The Heartbeat of Lakewood”. 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 we plan to continue this in 2024. It's a welcome addition as it has been many years since the last Lakewood newsletter.

The second initiative is the 5C's. This is an education effort that we are delivering to our coaches to evaluate and train players on “Character”, “Confidence”, “Connection” and “Culture” on top of the traditional “Competence”. We have had FSQ Sport deliver training to 13 Lakewood coaches. This has been a gradual roll out and we will continue with this implementation 2024.

Our player registration took a big jump for indoor 2023-24 with an increase of 100 players and 6 teams. We feel we have completely recovered from the COVID-19 shutdown and are now benefiting from both population growth and solid soccer programming. We look forward to this increase continuing for outdoor 2024.

Lakewood Soccer continues to evolve with organizational staff changes. This started by hiring Lewis Oteruelo as our General Manager in 2017 to help deliver soccer programming. Kara Friske moved into the staff registration coordinator position in late-2021. Kara is taking the lead on Lakewood communications with our members. In early 2023 Tim Mangan moved from a staff coach to the Lakewood Technical Director position. Lewis and Tim work together to organize the technical content for training with the younger age groups. In the summer of 2023 Becky Kirkham joined Lakewood as our female technical lead working primarily with our younger female players. We have several core technical staff that have been with us for multiple years. Most are ex-Lakewood players. We also get a few new technical staff every year. I want to thank the employees and the technical staff coaches for the great work they do for Lakewood Soccer.

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