

Lakewood Soccer Association, Inc.

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President's Report – Leonard Lewko

Youth soccer was proceeding down the ever-changing path when we were side-swiped by COVID-19 in March. All on-field activities halted from March 13 until July 06. These 4 months were spent with planning and numerous "what-if" scenarios. The entire outdoor season was scrapped which caused a large financial loss. Outdoor soccer resumed in a limited way with outdoor camps running from July 06 until August 28. The indoor season was running on a restricted basis until being shut down on November 27. We plan for the indoor season to resume on January 14, 2021, while we make plans for new and unique methods of fundraising and researching available grant money.

Lakewood ran a very successful indoor tournament in February 2020. However, the outdoor 2020 and the indoor 2020-21 tournaments have been cancelled and due to COVID-19. We are hopeful the outdoor 2021 tournament will be allowed as tournaments are a major revenue stream for Lakewood.

Lakewood Soccer Association, Inc. continues to make organizational staff changes. This started by hiring Lewis Oteruelo as our General Manager in 2017 to help deliver soccer programming. We began working with Daniel Alvarado in mid-2019 to help improve our technical expertise. We have just completed the process to assist Daniel with becoming a permanent residence in Canada and into making him our Lakewood technical director. Lewis and Daniel are working with several part-time staff members to help deliver player training and reviewing options for coaching development. A big part of this is the growth of the Lakewood technical staff to the point where we now have technical leads in all the age groups. Soccer is under pressure from several other sports and we must sell the sport to players and parents. We feel that improving our technical expertise will help us to sell soccer.

We switched to a new software package (Room Roster) in 2018 to manage the Lakewood tournament and a working arrangement with TeamLinkt to manage individual team scheduling. We have now switched to the RAMP registration software package and website which we have used since early 2020.

We have a very strong core of volunteers including board members, committee members, team coaches and team managers. As I complete my twelfth year as the president of Lakewood Soccer Association, Inc. Board of Directors I want to thank the board members who have served Lakewood so well over the last year. Most serve a dual role as manager or coach with our Lakewood teams. I look forward to the next volunteer appreciation night once soccer returns to "normalcy".

Respectfully submitted.

Leonard Lewko

