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ANNUAL PRESIDENT’S REPORT PRESENTED BY NNAMDI NDUBUKA AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD IN PRINCE ALBERT ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024

I am pleased to welcome you to the Prince Albert Youth Soccer Association (PAYSA) Annual General Meeting on behalf of the PAYSA Board of Directors and staff. We are committed to continuing to provide youth soccer for the City of Prince Albert and surrounding areas and would like to share some of our recent accomplishments.

Equipment:

The installation of the new turf at the Alfred Jenkins Field House has been completed. We are excited to have collaborated with the City of Prince Albert on this significant project. The new turf will be utilized for the 2024-2025 indoor soccer season.

Club Membership:

Expanding our club membership remains a top priority for the Board. We are continuously exploring innovative methods to maintain and increase our membership. The city's implementation of non-resident fees has affected our First Nation partners; however, we are actively seeking ways to minimize this impact.

Soccer Programs:

I. Celtic:

Under the guidance of our Technical Director, Dragutin Ivkovic, the PAYSA Celtic program continues to achieve high performance. In the past year, all Celtic teams participated in various Saskatchewan Soccer Association-sanctioned soccer tournaments across the province. The outcomes of these competitions were satisfactory, and we are looking forward to further enhancing their performance in the upcoming season.

II. House League:

We are continually working to improve the member experience in the PAYSA recreational soccer program – House League. The season commenced on time with over 900 registered players. Considering the size of our community, this is an impressive number and the largest in PAYSA history.

III. First Nation Soccer Development:

We appreciate the ongoing collaborative efforts of our First Nation partners. PAYSA continues to collaborate with First Nation bands to provide high-quality training sessions as part of our commitment to enhancing grass-roots soccer in surrounding communities. Athletes from seven First Nations communities participated in the 2023-24 House League indoor season.



Club Administration:

We are delighted to announce the retirement of our Office Manager, Mitzi Pytlak, who served in this role for 18 years. We are grateful for her hard work, commitment, and dedication over these years. Thank you, Mitzi, for your significant contribution to the growth of our association. We welcome Thomas McIntosh as the new Club Manager, who will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of our club. Thomas is no stranger to PAYS, having spent time as a player, referee, and volunteer with the organization. Our Technical Director, Dragan Ivkovic, continues to lead the technical aspect of our youth programs. As the Age Group Coordinator, Trina Bell organizes all house league teams and coaches. She continues to demonstrate exceptional performance in her role.

Appreciation:

I. Sponsorships and Partners:

Our club continues to fulfill our mandate with generous support from our sponsors and partners. Special thanks to Leon's Furniture for their continued sponsorship of our coaches' apparel and to Tim Hortons for supporting U5/U7 apparel. Following the expiration of our contract with Adidas, we have established a new partnership with Puma, effective September 2024. The new partnership will cover our House League recreational program, while the Celtic program will continue to wear the Adidas brand for the next few years.

II. Referee Development:

Rory McIntosh has been responsible for PAYS's Referee Development and Coordination. He recently announced his retirement from this role after about 10 years of service. We would like to express our profound gratitude to him for his excellent leadership. Thomas McIntosh has since assumed this responsibility, and we have full confidence in his ability to achieve the desired goals.

III. Outgoing PAYS Board Members:

We acknowledge our outgoing Directors – Natalie Gareau, Kaela Readman, and Mackenzie Mitchell for their dedication, commitment, and selfless service to PAYS as Board members.

Finally, I want to recognize and acknowledge all PAYS Board members for their contributions this past year. Thank you for your countless volunteer hours leading PAYS in the right direction.

Nnamdi Ndubuka
President, PAYS