



SASKATOON ADULT SOCCER INC.

150 Nelson Road

Saskatoon, SK S7S 1P5

Phone: (306) 975-3427

www.saskatoonadultsoccer.com

executivedirector@saskatoonadultsoccer.com

Annual General Meeting – Executive Director’s 2020 Report

Thank you all for making yourselves available tonight. Your support of adult soccer is truly appreciated.

In review of our last year, it is difficult to recall much of anything pre-COVID. While on maternity, and for our Indoor 2019-2020 season, we piloted two rule changes: 1. Removing Offsides in the turf leagues and 2. Lowering the minimum age of Women’s Masters to 30 from 35, and Women’s Legends to 45 from 50. The plan was to reach out to the players at the end of the indoor 2019-2020 season, however, COVID-19 took over at that time. This completely altered our season, and game plan since. (We do intend to still reach out to these leagues for their feedback.)

The outdoor season was also reduced due to COVID-19, and the October – December indoor session has recently been cancelled. We are waiting for approval from the government to resume the second indoor session in (hopefully!) January or February.

In my absence, Rebecca and Ifman took on so much more than usual, and so I offer a big thank you to them. Also to Noah for assisting them as well. The board has always been such an asset to the office staff, myself in particular, but this year more than ever. COVID has brought with it such uncertainty, and unprecedented times. The board and staff have been exceptional in navigating this new norm.

This “norm” affected the Saskatoon Soccer Centre as well. Together, along with Saskatoon Youth Soccer, as usual, we updated our rules and protocols. The extensive cleaning protocols, route systems, delay between game times, sanitizer on benches etc have been paramount in keeping our league safe and active. SAS had two unrelated positive COVID test results but, from there, it did not spread to even one other person. I applaud the three associations for their diligence!

Due to COVID we also had a change to our roster sizes to maintain a limited number of people in each mini-league bubble. As a result, the fees seemed higher than usual. However, this is actually the opposite. SAS has eliminated numerous expenses and are running as simply as possible. Furthermore, SSC also granted a 20% reduction on field rentals. (Thank you!) These savings were passed on directly to the teams. Unlike elsewhere, SAS did not implement a COVID surcharge, and we also continued to offer the Team Contact Appreciation promotion despite our current deficit. Something that may have to be reconsidered in upcoming seasons to reduce expenses.

Saskatoon Adult Soccer was open and active as long as we could to offer an outlet for COVID-fatigue, your mental and physical health, and just something to simply enjoy. You are the reason we implemented so many new protocols. That is why we collectively required masks before even the government mandated them. We want to offer you a safe space to help combat the additional stresses of our current times. As soon as the government allows it, we will be up and running for you again!

As mentioned in prior years, we are constantly trying to make things easier for our players and team contacts to ensure they are getting the best possible service. Unfortunately, at this time, RAMP does not feel easier or better. We are hoping that we will get there as the seasons go by. We ask for your patience and understanding as we all learn a new system.

We are hopeful *everything* will get better, and that we will be able to open our leagues in the new year. I am sincerely grateful for you, our members, and look forward to seeing you all soon!

Thank you again to everyone in attendance, and throughout our league.

Be well, and Merry Christmas!

Danielle Bryk
Executive Director
Saskatoon Adult Soccer Inc.