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### **President's Report – 2022 Annual General Meeting**

This past year began to feel closer to normal again. It was so refreshing to see our leagues running with full seasons again, and once again be back to playing 11 v 11 for outdoor. As the severity of COVID begins to fade in the rear view mirror, it is with optimism and excitement we begin to once again look through the big, full, windshield at what's ahead.

While we do look forward with optimism, it will take time for our leagues to get back to pre-COVID numbers. While many of our players have come back with full excitement, others have been more hesitant and are taking longer to adjust to the new normal. This has meant fewer players playing on multiple teams and instead focusing on getting back into the soccer rhythm with one main team. I'm excited to see people back, and in time I believe the joy of the game will once again entice people to be playing on multiple teams like they did in the past.

There is nothing more exciting than a soccer tournament, and after missing a year it was so great to have our Just for Kicks tournament running again this past March. This co-ed tournament is always a season end highlight and we were so happy it was able to take place.

The one concern we have is the rising costs of operating our league. Saskatoon Adult Soccer is the best and most fun league to play soccer in Saskatoon. We play in amazing facilities and provide high quality reffing to ensure a fun and safe environment for our games. As inflation, facility rental costs, and referee fees all continue to increase, our board is striving to keep our fees at a reasonable level to ensure our members can continue to play the sport they love at the level they desire. Team fees continue to grow and our board has worked on ways to help teams with those fees...for example by offering a 3<sup>rd</sup> installment payment this past year to give teams more time to pay. We will continue to look for innovative ways to ensure our valued team contacts can enter and manage their teams with as little burden as possible resting on their shoulders.

Thank you to the Saskatoon Adult Soccer board members. Our board continues to meet at set times during the year to make decisions, provide leadership, and ensure our leagues are the best place to play soccer in Saskatoon. As we get back into running our leagues at the levels we had to pre-COVID, these individuals continue to give up countless hours of their time to meet both in committees and as a full group to provide the best, safest, and most fun environment for everyone to play soccer in. I want to say thank you to Jeff Humm for sitting on the board for this past 1 year term as he will not be running for another term, and wish him the best as he continues to be involved in both the adult and youth soccer community.

Thank you to our Saskatoon Adult Soccer staff. Our staff team continues to work diligently at running our leagues and keeping our players safe. They continue to navigate the RAMP system (even with all its issues), assign referees, update game sheets online, deal with discipline matters, and continually help our members through emails and phone calls who contact the office with their questions and need for assistance the office continues to be a busy place. I want to say a big thank you to Rebecca Mitchell for her many, many years of service in our SAS office. We wish her the very best as she pursues a new role in the event industry, and hope she continues to play and enjoy our co-ed soccer leagues!



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I don't think it can be said enough, but thank you to our members. It's the members that make this league great, and without them our leagues, teams, and games would not exist. Everything we do is for our members and we thank you for being a part of Saskatoon Adult Soccer season after season.

Thank you also to the SDSRAI for providing the referees to make our games possible. Thank you for your commitment to our leagues, to providing quality refs at all levels of play, and for managing the games and players to ensure a safe and fun playing environment for all of us.

As President, thank you for allowing me another term to lead our association. I am so proud of SAS which continues to offer the best competitive and recreational soccer leagues in Saskatoon, providing you the opportunity to play in the best soccer facilities in the province, with the best soccer players and members around...all with safety being the top priority and of utmost importance. I'm excited to continue pushing forward to make our leagues better and better for our members each year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheldon Mathies', written in a cursive style.

Sheldon Mathies

President

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