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## 2024 Annual General Meeting – Executive Director's Report

Thank you for joining us tonight. Your time and support of adult soccer is greatly appreciated.

In review of our last year, it was a more challenging year than most. We are in a different position than we have been in decades. We no longer see the consistency of team numbers that we once took for granted. In an attempt to determine the reason, and provide a solution, we brought back the half field game for outdoor. By sheer registration numbers alone, we are confident the teams are happy.

As much as registration numbers acknowledge teams enjoy half field and like the change, we also welcome feedback directly from our membership. I encourage your comments and questions to help improve the quality of our service and our league.

Our Men's Boarded 1 division is having a momentous season due to communication between our association and the members. I urge you to join us on Thursday evenings to enjoy the show – these highly skilled games are intense, action packed, and entertaining!

Another highly skilled team, YXE FC, represented SAS and Saskatchewan again at the Men's Masters Western Competition and added a silver medal to their collection. Their commitment to the sport and to each other is an incredible feat – on top of their placement. The impact is real. We are so proud.

The new indoor turf has been a welcomed change, and we look forward to the update of the outdoor turf in 2025. This may cause a challenge for fields while the turf is offline. We have become heavily reliant on the turf fields due to their durability, and the consistent access. As great as it is to play on grass, the conditions have been less than desirable. We welcome the return of the outdoor turf – hopefully for playoffs 2025!

While changing turf is a positive, not all change is welcomed. I am also happy to report that our staff have remained consistent. The world around us seems to be ever changing, but (for once) we are not! Our staff team, Ifman and Crystal, are amazing. We couldn't be more fortunate. Thank you for all you do!

And to our incredible board for all you do too! Your dedication is remarkable. The time invested in our association is incredible. You are the most giving of volunteers. Thank you all for your insight and expertise! Thank you, Sheldon, specifically, our President, for going above and beyond for SAS. We are forever grateful.

Our SAS team of directors and staff work along side the Saskatoon Soccer Centre, Saskatoon Youth Soccer, the SDSRAI, Saskatchewan Soccer, Sask Sport, Huskie Athletics, Futsal, Astra, REX, and the Green & White. Thank you to each organization! We are happy to work with you and make a consolidated effort for the betterment of soccer throughout our city and province. We are better together.

To our members, thank you too! We do all we do for you!

Merry Christmas!

Danielle Bryk
Executive Director
Saskatoon Adult Soccer Inc.