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2025 Annual General Meeting – Executive Director's Report

In review of the past year, we have seen growth in both participants and overall teams across our indoor and outdoor seasons. Even so, alignment continues to be a challenge due to the differing needs among teams. We have learned that while it is impossible to please everyone, we remain committed to decisions that benefit the entire league, rather than any single team or opinion.

To assist, we will continue consulting with teams to address concerns in advance. Although alignment is deeply important to teams and individuals, our role is to approach it objectively. Decisions cannot be made based on feelings. Alignment varies each year depending on the number of teams, roster changes, division requests, and other factors—it is never as simple as it may seem.

Simplicity, however, can be found in the game itself. Great competitors make for great games. This was exemplified in the Men's Boarded 1 division, where teams worked hard to secure sponsors for prize money—showing exemplary effort both on and off the field. We've also learned that earlier game times aren't always better as they can conflict with youth engagements. Even so, it's wonderful to see so many of our players coaching the next generation!

We are thrilled to host a record nine Women's turf teams this year and are delighted to welcome more teams transitioning from youth soccer.

Our U21 leagues have also helped attract new teams, and we extend sincere thanks to the coaches and players who took the leap to join us.

In addition to the U21 league offerings and new teams, we proudly welcomed our newest community: the Power Chair Soccer League. To the athletes: your talent, competitive spirit, and joy for the game are an inspiration to us all. You have not just joined our league; you have fundamentally expanded our definition of sport and community.

We are thrilled to have further expanded our community with the Saskatoon Futsal League. The futsal league collaboration was a long time coming, and we are grateful and optimistic for the future of futsal in Saskatoon itself, and Canada. The Saskatoon representatives on the Canada Futsal National team is inspiring. Congratulations to Erica, Jade, Jady and Jerson for their remarkable feat of joining the national team!

Special recognition also goes to the Men's and Women's YXE FC teams who competed in the Masters National Championship in Winnipeg. With the tournament expanding from Westerns to Nationals this year, we couldn't be prouder of how our teams represented us. After a grueling and unprecedented group stage, the YXE FC Men's team won gold in the final against Edmonton Scottish.

We welcomed the new indoor turf for the 2024–2025 season and look forward to the final touches for the completion of the outdoor turf upgrade in spring 2026.

We also welcomed Jaime as our new Technical Coordinator following Crystal's departure. Crystal set the bar high, and thankfully Jaime is meeting those expectations and embracing new challenges within adult soccer while Ifman continues to manage discipline and assigning remarkably well. Thank you all for always giving your best, caring, and for being such reliable and valuable members of our organization.

To our board—thank you. Your lead and guidance through new territories, ideas, and procedures have been essential. Your commitment to the organization and willingness to rise above personal interests is truly admirable.

An incredible amount of work happens behind the scenes for the benefit of all participants. We are grateful to collaborate with the Saskatoon Soccer Centre, Saskatoon Youth Soccer, the SDSRAI, Saskatchewan Soccer, Sask Sport, the Huskies, Saskatoon Futsal League, Astra, EXCEL, the University of Regina, and the Green & White. We are proud to work together for the betterment of soccer across our city and province. As I said last year, we are better together!

Finally, to our members—thank you. Everything we do is for you.

Merry Christmas!

Danielle Bryk
Executive Director
Saskatoon Adult Soccer Inc.