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President's Report – 2019 Annual General Meeting

Welcome to the 2019 Saskatoon Adult Soccer Annual General Meeting.

Soccer is a game we all love. You...me...the team contacts...all the players on every team in every league in every division. We don't just love the game a little bit, we love it a lot. I want to thank our staff Danielle, Rebecca, Ifman, and Noah for working hard and interacting with our members every day to ensure we get to play the game we love. I also want to thank the great board members we have that work diligently behind the scenes to guide the direction of our leagues and to provide an exciting, competitive, and fun environment for people to play the game at all levels.

Wrapping up my first year as President, I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the players that call this league home. As our board discusses issues and ideas around the table, there is one question I always ask to frame the answers and decisions we make which is this: ***What is best for our members?***

This league is not possible without you, our members. With that question in mind, this past year our board has done many things like 1) Worked to further protect our members by increasing the discipline handed out for violent conduct. There is no place for violent conduct in our leagues and we are taking a strong stand on that. Ensuring the safety of our members is important and we hope the updated violent conduct discipline guidelines will continue to provide that. 2) Continued to pore over the division alignments every season doing our absolute best to place each team appropriately, ensuring fun and competitive games for all members each season. 3) Continued to provide multiple opportunities for members to play the game of soccer in organized competitive leagues for Men (Boarded and Turf), Women (Boarded and Turf), Co-ed, Masters, Legends, and Co-ed Masters. Plus working on a viable option for a Walking Soccer league.

As I look to the coming year, there are challenges that await us...but often challenges bring with them opportunities! Our overall team numbers have declined which is a challenge, but also an opportunity for us to look at new ways and new members to play the game with the addition of walking soccer and possibly other variations too. It's an opportunity for us to step up and show Saskatoon how much fun they can have playing soccer and to market our product effectively. It's an opportunity for each one of our members to take ownership of this league they play in and ensure they spread the word on the fun, exciting, and sociable time we all enjoy playing this great game.

Exciting times are ahead! Saskatoon continues to pursue a Canadian Premier League team, and the World Cup is coming to Canada in 2026! Our board is developing strategic objectives for us to focus on over the next few years. We will be working to implement these things to continue providing our members and future members with an amazing, safe, well organized, competitive, and fun adult soccer league in Saskatoon!

Thank you for a great year and I look forward to an even greater year in 2020!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheldon Mathies". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Sheldon Mathies

President

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