

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

Tues Nov 28, 2023 at 7:30pm
Saskatoon Sports Centre Boardroom
150 Nelson Road, Saskatoon SK



PRESENT: total

- 5 – Board Attendees: Mark Millard, Janel Doepker, David Taylor, Heather Johnson, Rachelle Lockwood
- 2 – Board Candidate Attendees: Natal Laycock, Scott Werner
- 1 – Staff: Amanda Probe
- 1 – SUSC Voting Delegates: Huw Morris (10 votes)
- 1 – Hollandia Voting Delegates: Tanya Giesbrecht (10 votes)
- 2 – Aurora Voting Delegates: Totie Daplas (5 votes), Brad Zervinsky (5 votes)
- 2 – Lakewood Voting Delegates: Leonard Lewko (5 votes), Danielle Deck (5 votes)
- 0 – Eastside Voting Delegates: none
- 2 – Non-Voting Attendees: Brendan Potts (SYSI audit/finance committee), Jodi Blackwell (SSCI)

1. **Treaty Acknowledgment** – Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. acknowledges Treaty 6 territory, and we recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we are gratefully playing on in growing the beautiful game.
2. **Introductions** – Went around the room and those in attendance introduced themselves by name and organization in which they were representing.
3. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Mark Millard.
4. **Presentation of Credentials and Roll Call** – Of the 16 who attended the meeting, 6 were entitled to vote representing a total of 40 votes. Voting majority was 21 votes and two-thirds majority was 27 votes.
5. **Adoption of Agenda** – (no additions) Declared adopted.
Rachelle/Janel – CARRIED
6. **Approval of Minutes**
MSC: - Motion to adopt the minutes from the Nov 2022 AGM.
Heather/Huw – CARRIED
7. **Adoption of President's Report** (Prepared by Mark Millard) – Declared adopted.
Provided two weeks prior to the meeting and included a review of the pandemic, restructure of leagues and the formation of the Alliance Academy. The [2023 President's Report](#) is accessible on the SYSI website for future reference.
David/Tanya – CARRIED
8. **Adoption of Executive Director's Report** (Prepared by Amanda Probe) – Declared adopted.
Amanda Probe presented an 18-page document which was provided two weeks in advance of the meeting. The [2023 Executive Director's Report](#) is accessible on the SYSI website for future reference.
Janel/Tanya – CARRIED
9. **Auditor's Financial Report & Statement**
 - a. **Adoption of Audit & Finance Committee Report** (Provided by Brendan Potts) – Declared adopted.
Rachelle/Janel – CARRIED

b. Auditor’s Report & Financial Statements (prepared by Virtus Group LLP)

MSC: - Motion to adopt the Auditor’s Financial Report and Statements for the July 31st, 2023 Fiscal Year as prepared by Virtus Group LLP.

Tanya/Len – CARRIED

10. Appointment of Auditor

MSC: - Motion to appoint Virtus Group as the auditor for July 31st, 2024 Fiscal Year.

David/Heather – CARRIED

11. Approval of Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Colour Key:

~~Red strikethrough~~ – proposed deletion

Yellow underline – proposed change/addition

(Red italicized) – rationale for change

6.1.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than seven and no more than ~~15~~ 12 Directors.

(Rationale: Recommendation from Canada Soccer to achieve good governance standards; from the National Youth Club Licensing application review and feedback received Nov 29, 2022)

6.1.4.1 Each Member Liaison and alternate shall be entitled to receive all notices and minutes for regular Board meetings. ~~distributed to the Board.~~

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6.1.4.2 The Member Liaison (and in their absence, the alternate) shall be entitled to attend that portion of all regular meetings of the Board pertaining to ordinary business of the Board, ~~to move or second motions, and to participate~~ in an observation/discussions ~~role~~. A Member Liaison shall not move or second motions nor have a vote at any Board Meeting and shall not participate in any in-camera session convened for personnel, legal or other similar matters.

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6.2.3 The Board shall elect its officers at a regular Board meeting shortly after the Annual General Meeting. The election of officers will include the President, Vice-President, and Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee. Any person nominated for or appointed to the office of President shall have served on the Board as a Director for not less than one year before being so nominated or appointed.

(Rationale: This ensures the Director has some experience and working knowledge of the organization prior to being elected President by the Board).

MSC: - Motion to approve the proposed bylaw amendments as presented.

Len/Janel – CARRIED

12. Election of Board of Directors

Minimum director seats permitted on the SYSI Board-----	7
Maximum director seats permitted on the SYSI Board-----	15
Number of director seats available for election-----	11
Number of NEW director nominations received for election-----	2
Number of current directors nominated for re-election-----	2
Number of departing directors-----	5

MSC: - Motion to elect the following slate of nominated directors by acclamation.

- Cameron Klein – Director – 2-year term (Nov 2023 – Nov 2025)
- David Taylor – Director – 1-year term (Nov 2023 – Nov 2024)
- Natal Laycock – Director – 2-year term (Nov 2023 – Nov 2025)
- Scott Werner – Director – 2-year term (Nov 2023 – Nov 2025)

Heather/Janel – CARRIED

SYSI wishes to thank the following outgoing directors for their hard work and dedication to SYSI:

- Andrew Restall served as an SYSI director from 2014 – 2023 for nine years.
- Brendan Potts served as an SYSI director from 2022 to 2023 and resigned in October 2023 but will remain on the Audit and Finance Committee as a non-director.
- Janel Doepker served as an SYSI director and vice-president from 2018 – 2023 for five years.
- Margo Adam served as an SYSI director from 2021 to 2023 for two years and resigned in August 2023.
- Scott Bryden served as an SYSI director and finance/audit chair from 2018 – 2023 for five years but will remain on the Audit and Finance Committee as a non-director.

13. Other Business

- a. **SSCI Audited Financial Statements** – Received as information and Jodi Blackwell, CEO of the Saskatoon Soccer Centres provided a brief report and answered any questions.
- b. **Other** – Thank you to all those in attendance, to the staff, board members, and membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM – Huw