

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc.

Wed Nov 27, 2024 at 7:30pm
Saskatoon Sports Centre Boardroom
150 Nelson Road, Saskatoon SK



PRESENT: total

- 8 – Board Attendees: Mark Millard, Rachele Lockwood, Natal Laycock, David Taylor, Heather Johnson, Michel Bernier, Scott Werner, Teri Miller
- 0 – Board Candidate Attendees
- 1 – Staff: Amanda Probe
- 1 – SUSC Voting Delegate: Michael Hayduk (10 votes)
- 1 – Hollandia Voting Delegate: Tasha Piper (10 votes)
- 1 – Aurora Voting Delegate: Totie Daplas (10 votes)
- 1 – Lakewood Voting Delegate: Leonard Lewko (10 votes)
- 1 – Eastside Voting Delegate: Rod Chometa (10 votes)
- 2 – Non-Voting Attendees: Jodi Blackwell (SSCI), Huw Morris (SUSC)

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 7:33 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 50 votes. Voting majority was 26 votes and two-thirds majority was 33 votes.
5. **Adoption of Agenda** – (no additions) Declared adopted.
Leonard/Michael – CARRIED
6. **Approval of Minutes**
MSC: - Motion to adopt the minutes from the Nov 2023 AGM.
Tasha/Totie – CARRIED
7. **Adoption of President's Report** (Prepared by Mark Millard) – Declared adopted.
Provided five days prior to the meeting and included a review of the past seven years as President.
The [2024 President's Report](#) is accessible on the SYSI website for future reference.
Michael/Tasha – CARRIED
8. **Adoption of Executive Director's Report** (Prepared by Amanda Probe) – Declared adopted.
Amanda Probe presented a 25-page document which was provided five days in advance of the meeting.
The [2024 Executive Director's Report](#) is accessible on the SYSI website for future reference.
Leonard/Tasha – CARRIED
9. **Auditor's Financial Report & Statement**
 - a. **Adoption of Audit & Finance Committee Report** (Provided by Natal Laycock) – Declared adopted.
Rod/Michael – 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, 2024 Fiscal Year as prepared by Virtus Group LLP.

Tasha/Leonard – CARRIED

10. Appointment of Auditor

MSC: - Motion to appoint Virtus Group as the auditor for July 31st, 2025 Fiscal Year.

Michael/Totie – CARRIED

11. Approval of Proposed Bylaw Amendments**Colour Key:**

~~Strikethrough~~ – proposed deletion

Yellow underline – proposed change/addition

(Red italicized) – rationale for change

5.3 Conditions of Members

5.3.1 Zone Association Members must fulfill the following requirements to be in good standing:

~~5.3.1.1 Submit a constitution or bylaws to the SYSI Board for approval.~~

Have Bylaws, policies and regulations in place that meet the standards set by SYSI, SSA and CANADA SOCCER; in the absence of such written policies, Zone Association Members shall be bound by the principles and standards set out in the Bylaws, Policies, regulations and directives of the organizations at the next highest governing level.

~~5.3.1.2 Submit any amendments to the constitution or bylaws to the SYSI Board for approval.~~

Communicate to the SYSI, in writing, annually, any amendment to its Bylaws, a copy of its year-end Financial Statements, and a listing of its Directors and Officers within 30 days after the Zone Association Member's Annual General Meeting.

~~5.3.1.3 Submit a copy of its year end Financial Statements to the SYSI Board 30 days after the Zone's Annual General Meeting.~~

Maintain programs and services within SYSI's approved Conditions of Membership of the SSA, in alignment with SYSI Bylaw 4.1.1.

~~5.3.1.4 Affiliate with SYSI by paying such levies, bonds, and fees at such time and in such amount as may be determined by SYSI.~~

Have met its financial obligations to the SYSI and shall have no other disciplinary sanctions against the Member that result in the Member being not in good standing.

~~5.3.1.5 Abide by the rules, regulations, and bylaws of SYSI.~~

In compliance with the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct and Ethics, Formal Complaints and Discipline policies, and Policies and decisions of SYSI and, as applicable, SSA, Canada Soccer, FIFA and CONCACAF.

Rationale for the following proposed bylaw amendments is to align with Saskatchewan Soccer Association's Bylaws of Conditions of Membership to have the same wording and requirements of SYSI members as they receive SSA membership through SYSI and need to be held to the same standards.

Reference to Bylaw 4.1.1:

4.1 The objectives of SYSI are:

4.1.1 To govern, foster, and support the development of soccer, beach soccer, and boarded soccer at the mini and youth age levels within our membership, offered programs, and Territory.

4.1.2 To foster the development of qualified soccer coaches to serve the sport of soccer within our

- membership, offered programs, and Territory.
- 4.1.3 To work together with the other mini and youth soccer member organizations in the province and in concert with the objectives of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association as those apply.

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

Totie/Leonard – CARRIED

12. Election of Board of Directors

Minimum director seats permitted on the SYSI Board-----	7
Maximum director seats permitted on the SYSI Board-----	12
Number of director seats available for election-----	7
Number of NEW director nominations received for election-----	0
Number of current directors nominated for re-election-----	4
Number of departing directors-----	1

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

- Heather Johnson – Director – 2-year term (Nov 2024 – Nov 2026)
- Mark Millard – Director – 2-year term (Nov 2024 – Nov 2026)
- Michel Bernier – Director – 2-year term (Nov 2024 – Nov 2026)
- Rachelle Lockwood – Director – 2-year term (Nov 2024 – Nov 2026)

Tasha/Michael – CARRIED

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

- David Taylor served as an SYSI director from 2021 – 2024 for three years in addition to a prior 11 years from 2008 – 2019 where he also served as SYSI president for four years from 2013 – 2017.

SYSI wishes to provide a special thanks to Mark Millard, who served as SYSI President for seven years from 2017 to 2024, who is being re-elected for a two-year director term to support the incoming appointed President.

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 8:31 PM – Tasha