

Dakota Soccer Club – March Board Meeting Agenda
Sunday, March 9, 2025
Inver Glen Library

Call to Order 6:07 PM

Roll Call

Dakota Soccer Club Voting Positions			
President (interim)	Matt Thompson – (N)	Treasury	Justin Humenik – (Y)
Vice President (interim)	Andrew Held – (Y)	Secretary	Nathan Peterson – (Y)
Traveling Coordinator	Brian Applequist – (N)	Volunteer Coordinator	Kellie Kronberg – (N)
Rec Coordinator	Andrew Held - 2021	Equipment Coordinator	Molly & Bernie Schroeder – (N)
Volunteer Coordinator	Vanessa Coates – (N)	Web Development	Larry Deutsch – (N)
At Large Board Members	Mary Dunn – (Y)		Ben Nelson (Y)
DSC Paid Positions			
Director of Coaching / Ref Assignor	Jake Smothers – (Y)	Registrar / Field Assignor	Jon Fredeen – (Y)
Rec Director	Jon Martinson – (N)	Communications/ Club Admin.	Trina Hatcher – (Y)

Greet and address any guests | A parent, M. L. requested a refund of the participation fee (excluding the tryout fee) for his son, Levi, who wants to focus on work instead of playing soccer.

- The board considered the roster impact and financial implications.

Decision: A motion was made and seconded to grant the refund, with one board member (Ben) initially opposing based on PPGs but eventually approving. *"The PPGs give two conditions for refund. The first is injury. And then the second is by board approval."* The refund was approved.

Consideration of previous Board Meeting Minutes | approved

Upcoming Events-

- **Spring Soccer Clinic, March 22-April 12** coordinated by John Martinson. Andy Held and son Charlie volunteered to help, and seeking volunteers. *"It looks like there's 15 or less in each of the three 45-minute sessions currently."*
- **DSC Spring/Summer Rec League, May and June 2025, July Jamboree** Planned to start May 12th. John is lining up coaches, potentially including older players and college students who would receive a stipend.
- **Summer Rec Soccer Clinic, July 21-August 13** Being restructured and shortened to four weeks. The fall recreation program will be more organized, like South St. Paul's program
- **June'25 MNUFC Camp** Scheduled for June, Trina is handling advertising. Ben noted that Matt needs to connect with the South St. Paul parks department to confirm field space usage
- **Soccer Photos | Scheduled for Thursday, June 12th, and Wednesday, June 25th (team schedule TBD)** The board discussed using the Walser dealership showroom for team pictures. Tentative dates were June 12th and 25th, with concerns about conflicting with dance and baseball tournaments. *"if we can avoid the week of June 12th, it would be best."*

Executive Group-

Scholarships

- A list of 12 scholarship applications was presented and approved. (see detail last page)
- Discussion focused on funding sustainability.
- Mary Dunn expressed a desire to know more about the funding process and ensure continued support.
- Jake noted an influx of applications from a Mexican league and South St. Paul schools,[... privacy redaction ...]
- Mary Dunn(1), Ben Nelson (1) and Jake (2) offered to personally cover the uniform costs for five players needing them. The PPGs outline the protocol that donations need to be used as intended by the donator.

New Board Member-

- Gabby Dressen was nominated by Justin to join the board, Nathan 2nd and all approved.

Action Items-

- Trina to send a note to John to process Levi's refund.
- Matt to connect with the South St. Paul park department regarding field usage for the MNUFC camp.
- Trina to check in with Walser Dealership about using their showroom for soccer photos.
- Matt to follow up with the Cro regarding any Soccer Saturday profits.
- Jake will reach out to TCSL to check if additional team rosters can be added.
- Trina to send out written communication to (Gabby) bilingual board member, to look over and translate.
- Andy to connect with Matt to coordinate a list for Molly and Bernie for what they need.
- Ben to email Gabe regarding the regulations for the disposal of pull tabs.
- Larry to set Gabby up with a new email.

Treasurer's Report |

- The Midwest One bank balance was reported as \$84,722.03 as of February 28th, 2025.
- The club is in the process of moving storage lockers, with both the old and new spaces currently being rented.
- Rent has been paid up through March 31, 2025. Next rent payment is due 4/1/2025 with iStorage.com

Registrar |

- Board members and coaches need to complete background checks and SafeSport training.
- Team building in GotSport has begun.
- Turf time schedules are being coordinated.

Traveling Coordinator | Not present at the meeting. No pressing needs were communicated.

Coaching Director|

- Winter Academy was successful, but space was a constraint. Jake is seeking a third location/night for next year to increase capacity.
- Winter Academy also helped bring in more players into the club. Jake noted at least 10 registrations came directly from the winter academy.
- An influx of new players from a Mexican league, facilitated by Christian Valdez and Jonathan, has resulted in the creation of an additional boys' team
- All teams have coaches, but there's an opening on the 19 team.
- Andy Held is now coaching the 2010s.
- The UPSL team is nearly formed, with tryouts scheduled for March 22nd.

Equipment |

- The club is in the process of moving storage lockers, with the new facility being better.
- Team bags need to be organized and distributed to managers.
- The board needs to verify how pull tabs can be disposed of.
- Bernie would like to order three wire shelves for the new storage locker.
- Current keys include one for Bernie, Matt and Andy. The decision is to stick with three and not provide additional keys.

Volunteer Coordinator | Not present at the meeting. No pressing needs were communicated.

Web Master |

- Testing switching to individual email accounts for our generic position-based emails and the data copy process.
- If anything is needed to be placed on the website let know and can work on it.

Fundraising Coordinator | Not present at the meeting. Need to pick up check from B-52 fundraiser and get to Justin.

Communications |

- The uniform store will be open for a few more days.

Meeting Adjournment-Andy motioned to adjourn, Mary 2nd and all approved.

Next Meeting Sunday, March 13, 6 PM

Scholarships approved March 2025 Board Meeting:

1. V. G. is registered and rostered to the 2009 team (scholarship approved)
2. A. L. is registered and rostered to the 2009 team (scholarship approved)
3. J. C. and J. C. are NOT registered nor assigned to a team (scholarship approved)
4. G. and G. R. are NOT registered nor assigned to a team (scholarship approved)
5. G. M. is NOT registered nor assigned to a team (scholarship approved)
6. M. A. is NOT registered nor assigned to a team (scholarship approved)
7. F. and A. D. are registered and assigned to the 2009 and 2011 (scholarships approved)
8. R. V. is registered and rostered to the 2008 team (scholarship approved)
9. D. M. is registered and rostered to the 2009 team (scholarship approved)