

Dakota Soccer Club – August Board Meeting Agenda
Sunday, August 3, 2025
Google Meet

Call to Order 6:05PM

Roll Call

Dakota Soccer Club Voting Positions			
President (interim)	Matt Thompson – 2021 (Y)	Treasury	Justin Humenik – 2023 (Y)
Vice President (interim)	Andrew Held – 2021 (Y)	Secretary	Nathan Peterson – 2022 (Y)
Traveling Coordinator	Brian Applequist – 2021 (N)	Volunteer Coordinator	Kellie Kronberg – 2024 (Y)
Rec Coordinator	Andrew Held – 2021 (Y)	Equipment Coordinator	Molly & Bernie Schroeder – 2024 (N)
Volunteer Coordinator	Vanessa Coates – 2021 (N)	Web Development	Larry Deutsch – 2021 (Y)
At Large Board Members	Gabby Dressen – 2025 (N)		
At Large Board Members	Mary Dunn – 2024 (Y)	At Large Board Members	Ben Nelson (Y)
DSC Paid Positions			
Director of Coaching / Ref Assignor	Jake Smothers – 2021 (Y)	Registrar / Field Assignor	Jon Fredeen – 2021 (N)
Rec Director	Trevor Lunn – 2025 (N)	Communications/Club Admin.	Trina Hatcher – 2021 (Y)

Greet and address any guests | Chad Mills, Alison Nelson

Consideration of previous Board Meeting Minutes | Approved. Ben Nelson motioned; Mary Dunn 2nd and all present approved.

Upcoming Events

- **Fall Rec Soccer, September and October 2025 (through IGH Parks and Rec):**
 1. Efforts are being made to transform it from a loose league format to one with defined team schedules and coaching assignments, like the Spring program. Hope to add referees for older groups next year to enhance quality.
 2. Registration access-For the first time, Inver Grove is comfortable sharing registrant contact information via a spreadsheet, which can be used as a recruiting tool.
 3. Vice President of Wave Soccer has reached out, looking for partnership on the recreational soccer side to restart the co-ed program.
- **Fall competitive season, late August through early October:** Jake has a list of players registered for fall from Jon. Teams need to be registered by 8/5/2025.
- **Dakota Soccer at MNUFC | September 20, 7:30 PM:** Trina has been in communication regarding a block of tickets and has a link to share.
- **Winter Development Academy | begins in November?:**
 1. Discussed increasing costs and adding an additional location/night for this winter to spread out older players (by gender or age). Proposal: increase cost \$50 session and add a third spot.
 2. The academy has been successful but is a “victim of its own success” due to too many kids in limited space.
 3. Bernie and Molly proposed a survey to traveling families about winter training to gather feedback on past programs, interests and commitment levels. This would help inform budget decisions and explore other options.

Executive Group

- **U17 boys player suspension; USA Club soccer confirmed that he has been suspended for two years:** the suspension covers the remaining of 2025 and the 2026 competitive season.

Treasurer's Report |

- MidWest One Bank Balance as of July 31, 2025, is \$17,534.24
- Revenue from fall and summer sign-ups is coming in. The club is in better financial standing than last month after paying coaches.
- Jamboree Concessions
Revenue \$608.55
Expense \$382.70
Profit \$225.85
- Fall coaching contracts

Registrar | No new update/Not present.

Traveling Coordinator | Brian supported Jake and Ben's plan for the 2010/2011 girls, acknowledging the struggle for 2011 girls and ongoing recruitment efforts (discounts offered). Seven families contacted have not responded to emails.

Rec Coordinator |

- **Discussion of new location for Soccer Saturday:** Suggestion to move the annual taco feed from "The Cro" to Taco Libre on Concord Ave. This could be a strategic alliance, potentially helping with the Hispanic community and offering joint marketing. Luna (daughter of owner) is interested in getting involved; the basement has been renovated into an event center. Tentative dates: **February 7th or 21st.**
- Summer clinic is going well, led by two traveling coaches.
- Next up is planning for the winter clinic in January 2026.

Coaching Director |

- **Summer 2026 teams-**
- **Boys' teams:**
 1. Nine potential boys teams presented. 2010 and U18 will move to State level with in TCSL.
 2. Proposal: Keep rosters open, continue recruiting, and merge teams in February if necessary. Proactive measures include another board meeting and utilizing Gabby (Spanish-speaking liaison) to communicate with families about payment plans and expectations, possibly offering longer payment plan options.
 3. **Motion to approve** recommended tentative rosters for the boys' program, with the caveat that final decisions on merging teams will come in February, and players may be eligible to move up through winter evaluations. Andy motioned; Mary 2nd and all present approved.
- **Girls teams:**

1. Six potential girls teams were presented.
2. Jake recommendation: Form one Regional 2010 Girls Team with the 12 existing 2010s plus the 6 high-level players from trials. This is a rare opportunity for regional-level players.
3. For the remaining 2011 girls, create a Tournament Team instead of a Twin City Soccer League (TCSL) team. They would train with Ben and participate in 9-10 tournament games, supplemented by 2010/2011 players. This "unprecedented" but flexible approach is similar to the ECNL/ECRL program and allows for roster bolstering later. Guest playing opportunities would be available for other players. This approach helps avoid playing short-handed, a significant issue last season for the 2011s. Regional players cannot play down to a cities-level team.
4. **Motion to approve:** recommended tentative rosters for the girls program. Ben motioned; Andy 2nd and all present approved.

Equipment |

- **Fall Uniforms:** Suggestion to use T-shirts for U9 and U10 groups (first-time traveling players) to avoid "sticker shock." These would be donated as part of fall registration. Existing uniforms (black, white, gray) are easy to match/replace. Older age groups (U11-U14) would still order full uniforms via Podium Wear.
- **Reusable Number Pinnies:** A good idea for fall games where uniforms might not be ready. Advanced provided a quote for these.
- The club has enough T-shirts to cover U9/U10 fall players.

Volunteer Coordinator | No new update/Not present

Web Master |

- **Publish Drive:** Almost accessible, needs testing. Will allow bulk uploads and sharing links with restrictions.
- **Email Addresses:** Ready to cut everyone over from position-designated emails to personal emails. Needs a weekend to coordinate
- **Drive Permissions/Security:** Concern about multiple documents shared outside the board, some with non-board members. The free version of Google Drive lacks granular control, posing an unacceptable risk. It was decided that once the public drive is operational for non-sensitive sharing, a "harder line" will be drawn on sharing sensitive information.

Fundraising Coordinator |

- B52s fundraiser on August 11-Expecting around \$900 from this and the previous event.
- **Grants/Sponsorships:** Challenges with grants due to the club not meeting the 15% poverty level requirement (currently 11%). Kelly will continue searching.

Communications |

- **Approval of a \$300 sponsorship for Simley Soccer:** Board members were inclined to suspend contributions this year due to financial difficulties and tight club balances.
- We do have a second sponsorship this fall with Medica in addition to the Allina Health one.
- **Insurance Requirement (Minnesota United/UFC Program):** Andy to receive a quote/broker recommendation. Current TCSL insurance only covers activity "on the field of play" (injuries during games/practice). The club currently lacks general liability insurance, which is a requirement for joining Minnesota United's alliance. General liability insurance is not particularly expensive (couple hundred dollars for a million dollars in protection) and is considered good business policy. Hartford (current insurer) does not service general liability.

Next meeting: September 14th, 2025, 6:00PM Virtual

Meeting Adjournment