

# Dakota Soccer Club Board Meeting

## Minutes

Date: January 11, 2026

Location: Kaposia Library and also Virtual Meeting

Time: 6:00 PM

### 1. Roll Call

Present:

- Andrew Held
- Nate Peterson
- Ben Nelson
- Gabby Dressen (joined remotely)
- Lee Sorenson
- Bernie Schroeder
- Larry Deutsch
- Jake Smothers (joined remotely)
- Mary Dunn
- Trina Hatcher
- Jon Fredeen (joined remotely)
- Justin Humenik (joined remotely)

Absent:

- Kelly Kronberg
- Molly Schroeder
- Trevor Lunn

Guests: None

### 2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve: Andrew Held

Second: Nate Peterson

Vote: Approved unanimously

### 3. Current & Upcoming Events

- Winter Academy: Off to a strong start; 72 registered players. Integrated recreational group into Saturday training. Space secured through February; may need extension for March. Concern: Low participation on girls' side. Proposal to offer free/reduced rates for girls born 2013–2010.
- Winter Recreational Clinic: First session completed; 30 participants so far. Goal: Continue marketing to increase attendance.
- February Soccer Saturday: Canceled; will reschedule closer to May kickoff.
- Spring Registration: Target launch within next week. Plan to promote during winter clinic.
- Roster Deadline: February TCSL deadline approaching; registration numbers critical for team formation.

### 4. Director of Coaching Update (Jake)

Registration Status: Total registered: 136 players. Outreach ongoing to unregistered prospects; some inquiries about scholarships. Risk: Older boys' teams may need consolidation; strength in younger boys' age groups.

Girls' Program Challenges:

- U19 girls: Proposal for tournament-only team at reduced cost (\$250/player).
- 2011–2012 girls: Proposal for \$100 registration to encourage participation.
- Long-term strategy: Consider reduced fees for younger girls to improve retention.

Motions Approved:

- Approve U19 girls' tournament-only team at \$250/player.
- Approve 2011 girls' team at \$100/player; Jake to cover cost difference.

### 5. Registrar Update (Jon)

Spreadsheet shared; phone outreach needed to finalize registrations. Volunteers for calls: Andrew, Larry, Molly, Nate.

## 6. Recreational Program

Winter clinic: 30 participants; fees collected \$1,000+. Continue marketing for next two weeks. Spring rec program: Prepare flyers for distribution during winter clinic. Field usage fees: Still pending resolution with Inver Grove Heights and South St. Paul.

## 7. Equipment

- Issue with key duplication; will try Ace Hardware.
- Inventory: Extra PVC nets available for giveaway.
- Game balls: Sufficient supply.
- Decision: Switch from tryout shirts to reversible numbered pinnies for future tryouts.

## 8. Webmaster

Two-factor authentication issues resolved; new Dakota accounts created. Migration plan: Members to clean up old accounts before alias setup. Website updates: Flyers and social media content requested.

## 9. Fundraising

Kelly absent; update expected next meeting.

## 10. Communications

Photo Day: Avoid week of June 14 (Father's Day). Scholarship Policy adopted: Budget = 7% of collected dues; Initial award = 50% of registration fee; Deadline for guaranteed consideration: January 31, 2026; First-come, first-served after deadline.

## 11. Financial Update

Outstanding invoices: \$12,000 (mostly historical). Action: Close out pre-2025 balances; notify 2025 accounts to settle before season.

## 12. Uniforms

Planning new design for 2027–2028 cycle; sponsor discussions underway. Current cycle ends after 2026 season.

## 13. Next Meetings

Roster Planning Committee: February 1, 2026, 7:30 PM (Virtual). Next Board Meeting: February 9, 2026, 7:00 PM (In-person & virtual). Kaposia Library -Meeting Room #2

Adjournment 7:45 PM- Motion by Andrew Held, Second by Nate Peterson, Approved unanimously.

## Action Items

- Jake Smothers will propose offering registered girls soccer players in the club at the U9, 10, 11, 12 birth year an opportunity to come out to Winter Academy at a either free or reduced rate over the next few weeks.
- Andrew Held will follow up with the context that there are some 2011 players that agreed to stay with Ben's roster to ensure the 2011 team is adequately supported.
- Andrew Held will schedule a follow-up meeting for the end of January to review registration numbers and discuss team makeups.
- Jake Smothers will cover the difference between the registration fees collected and the costs of tournaments for the U19 girls team.
- Andrew Held will process credits and refunds for the girls that are already registered to align with the new pricing for the U19 and 2011 teams.
- Andrew Held will divide the call list to the folks that are willing to help with making phone calls to potential registrants.
- Jon Fredeen needs to set up discount codes for the special pricing.