

Dakota Soccer Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 14, 2025

Location: Kaposia Library- South St Paul

Attendees

In Person: Trina, Mary, Bernie, Lee, Ed, Gabby, Nate, Trevor, Andrew

Online: Justin, John

Excused Absences: Brian, Larry

Planned Virtual: Jake-was online and available for 2nd half of meeting

Meeting Minutes Approval

Annual Meeting Minutes: Correction noted regarding Brian's role; approved (Motion: Mary, Second: Bernie). Justin's financial summary to be attached.

November Board Meeting Minutes: Approved (Motion: Andrew, Second: Mary).

Program Updates-Jake Smothers, Dir or Coaching

Winter Development Academy: Running smoothly; one week left; minor schedule changes due to weather.

Older boys are crowded at Smash Hub-looking for ways to keep kids active while rotated off.

January Winter Clinic: Organization complete; Contracts have been submitted for the Winter Academy staff. Registration is open and we are able to handle higher registration, now that groups are divided between the locations. Have emails been sent to past participants? Ensure all interested families are contacted.

Discussion on clarifying program tiers for families and improving communication materials.

Jake responsible for coaches; Trevor for lesson plans.

Has coaches identified for all traveling teams for 2026 season

Jake agreed to identify a list of local preferred tournaments, and try to negotiate for a discount on block registrations.

Revenue share agreement with Inver Grove Heights Parks and Rec to start in 2026.

Financial Report

Midwest Bank Balance (Nov 28, 2025): \$73,944.94

Fiscal year ended \$12,650.99 over budget (higher contractor fees offset by increased charitable donations).

Coaching contracts pending return.

\$5,560 reimbursement from Inver Grove Heights deposited post-report.

Registration fees below projection due to scholarships and unpaid participants; tracking improvements underway.

Action: Andrew and Justin to meet about scholarship tracking.

Registration & Team Formation

68 players currently signed up for 2026 (vs. ~200 last year). Jake is sending a list of last year's players and try-out players who are not yet registered, for Ed & Ben to organize a call campaign to nail down commitments.

TCSL-February deadline for team declarations; late March/early April for uniform orders.

Coordinators to reach out to unregistered players from tryouts.

Equipment & Facilities

Inventory and preparation for winter clinics underway.

Storage and maintenance plans discussed for balls and nets.

Sufficient size 3 balls available; more to be reviewed in January.

Events & Fundraising

Annual taco feed moved from February to April to increase engagement and coincide with registration deadlines; exploring new venues and event formats (e.g., bowling fundraiser)- ex Drkula's or Concord Lane's for a bowling event fundraiser. Nate offered to inquire.

Board approved a Booya team for On The Road Again event on approx. date Oct 3, 2026. – Discussed potential costs vs. return/visibility value. Trevor and Ed agreed to head up the subcommittee to organize the event.

Planning for Cubs event and Booyah fundraiser; logistics and cost estimates discussed.

Volunteer and marketing strategies to be enhanced, including sharing club success stories.

Administrative & Other Updates

Webmaster (Larry) to update email addresses and drive access; push for document storage in shared drive.

Board member contact info being updated.

Fundraising and volunteer coordinator roles discussed; Kelly and Vanessa to be contacted for updates.

Action Items

| Task | Owner | Due Date |
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| Attach Justin's financial summary to annual minutes | Recorder | 1/10/2026 |
| Andrew and Justin to meet regarding scholarship tracking | Andrew & Justin | [Date] |
| Jake to provide Winter Development Academy update | Jake | 1/11/2026 |
| Trevor to finalize lesson plans for clinics | Trevor | [Date] |
| Coordinators to contact unregistered tryout participants | Coordinators | [Date] |

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| Larry to update board emails and drive access | Larry | [Date] |
| Explore new event formats and venues for spring fundraiser | Events Committee | [Date] |

Next Meeting: Jan 11, 2026 6PM Kaposia Library- So. St Paul