

**Spearfish Soccer Association**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 2, 2023**

The Spearfish Soccer Association (SSA) held the monthly board meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 at the Spearfish Chamber. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by SSA President Josh McGillvery. Board members present: Tavis Little, Jodi Watts, Pete Skvicalo, Traci Stohrer, Blanca Garduna, and Mandy Verhulst.

Guests: Carmen Heaphy, Alesha Limbo, James Watts, Jake Ford, Bree, Madisen Stohrer, and Petra Hansen

Acceptance of Blanca's resignation letter dated 10/1/2023. Josh thanked Blanca for her time on the board and her help.

Introduction of guests and discussion.

Youth Coaches: Traci said you cannot do a background or grassroots on a minor. She contacted Sturgis, RC, Sheridan, Gillette, and Billings and they would allow someone under the age of 18 with prior knowledge to sit on the bench. The youth are role models and should be involved in building a bridge between the high school and youth.

Jake said he has had his kids demonstrate a drill and help with showing the kids how to do things.

Tavis -We have tried for years to look for ways to get the HS/College to engage with our youth for years. We are waiting for guidance from the National level as Dale and Polly did not have the same opinion.

Grassroots – We will be having a grassroots training in Spearfish. You have to be 16 to take Grassroots and 18 for Safesport.

It would be fine for these minors to help with practice, but they cannot be a coach.

Jodi – We need to work with these young kids to help with practices and being on the sidelines but not coaching.

Blanca – What if it was mandatory, they have to be a referee and they would learn the laws of the game.

Madi – Lots of times parents don't know how to play soccer. She had kids that wouldn't get on the field, and she got her to play.

Bree – JV players don't have fundamentals first. They need to have them down before they are teaching. She said they spend a lot of time at the JV level teaching those things and they should have learned them a long time before.

Need a fundamentals class to pass first and evaluation.

By offering Grassroots training, we are trying to help our coaches get their D license.

Put youth with people you can trust and mentor them at practice.

Jamie – What you want to do is admirable. It needs to be a place in a practice environment. USYSA, Club, you need to be 18. 12-year-olds can ref. During a game he has dealt with broken bones, concussions, altercations all during tournament play. We need a mentorship role.

Pete – Doesn't agree with refereeing at a young age. He has coached and have 4-5 on the bench and that was to many.

Pete motion – Allow anyone who is old enough to be ref certified to help coach practices with a coach and have adult coaches and one youth coach at games. Blanca seconded.

Tavis concerns - We need to look at what is best for the association as a whole. I don't bring my child to practice with someone that is four years older than they are. Polly and Dale have a difference of opinions. They are our insurance carrier so we have to abide to ensure we are covered.

Indoor is already 18 years old to coach. We need to follow USYS.

Vote: Jodi – NO, Traci – YES, Pete – YES, Mandy – NO, Tavis – NO, Blanca – YES, Josh - NO

Motion fails and we will look at it after we receive word from National.

Blanca motioned to change her resignation to 10/31/23.

Tavis motion: Youth coaches allowed to participate at practice. They can be on the bench after an age that they are eligible for Grassroots and Safesport. Failed due to no second.

Pete made a motion: Youth volunteers can help at practices. Jodi second.

Vote: Jodi – YES, Blanca – YES, Pete – YES, Traci – YES, Mandy – YES, Tavis – YES motion passes.

Two coaches: Have heard a lot of positives. Lead needs to make sure if they are training during friendlies, that not all three are coaching. Only two. Two coaches maximum at tournaments.

Coaches only on the bench, not team managers.

Bench coach can us the app for substitutions and other is the lead.

Pete motion: In non-tournaments, there is a head coach and a bench coach and a max of two trainees on the bench. During tournaments, one head coach, one bench coach, and DOC on the bench. Jodi seconded.

Vote: Jodi – YES, Blanca – YES, Pete – YES, Traci – YES, Mandy – YES, Tavis - YES

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- September minutes

Jodi made a motion to approve the minutes. Pete seconded. Motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Treasurers Report – Handed out at meeting. Jodi motion to approve Treasurers report with Josh looking into the \$120. Pete seconded. Motion passes
- Turf Tank demo 10/17/23 @ 5:30 at Hillsvie. Going to contact them and the city and see if we can go to the complex instead.
- Josh looking at contracts and job descriptions for Registrar, Tournament Director, and Ref Assignor. Board Media files. Have assistant tournament director that books all hotels.
- Indoor registration – Josh to send message to coaches to see how many per age. Then those that don't have a team look at finding a coach.
  - Practice to start 12/5/23

## **COACHES CORNER**

### **PRESIDENT'S UPATE**

Mandy motioned to move into Executive Session at 8:48pm. Pete seconded.

Tavis motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:17pm. Traci seconded.

Mandy motion to adjourn at 9:17. Pete seconded

**The next Spearfish Soccer Association monthly board meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2023, at the Spearfish Chamber.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Mandy Verhulst  
Spearfish Soccer Association Board Secretary

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Statement of Deposits/Withdrawals

Statement Date September 26, 2023

	Recreation Account	Money Market Account
Beginning Balance	\$66,335.40	\$129,545.05
Interest Earned	\$0.00	\$201.85
Deposits Totaling	\$12,635.75	\$0
Withdrawals Totaling	\$12,317.67	\$20,890.75
Ending Balance	\$66,653.48	\$108,856.15

**REC TRANSACTIONS**

Deposits:

Team Snap Parent Fees	\$8,885.75
Regular Deposit (2) U10B Guest/ Sturgis / Alpine Income	\$115.00
Regular Deposit - Fall 2023 Banners	\$3,400.00

Withdrawals:

Debit Card - Sturgis Touranment	\$5,650.00
Debit Card - SDYSA	\$4,672.00
Team Snap - McGillivrey Charge	\$120.00
Alpine - Coach Swag (106.50 + 100)	\$206.50
Premier Sports - 3 Weather Shelters	\$1,556.00
Check # 6260 - Josh McGillivrey BBQ Reimbursement	\$113.17

**MONEY MARKET TRANSACTIONS**

Deposits:	Interest	\$201.85
Withdrawals:	Check # 1364 - Alpine Impressions (Jersey Kits)	\$20,890.75