**Spearfish Soccer Association**

**AGM Minutes**

**Monday, April 7, 2025**

The Spearfish Soccer Association (SSA) held the AGM on Monday, April 7,2025 at the Spearfish Chamber. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by SSA President Tavis Little. Board members present: Jodi Watts, Ted Rewitzer, Amber Galbraith, Ryan Fremont, Jake Ford, Pete Skvicalo, Adam Lightfield, and Mandy Verhulst.

Guests: Carmen Heaphy, Jayda & Rhy Van Der Vorste, Stephanie Lightfield, Sara Skvicalo

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Pete made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jodi seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

* Treasurer’s Report – Mandy motion to approve, Pete seconded. Motion passed.
* Pete read the bylaw changes: Article VIII It is the intent of the Volunteer Policy to provide communication, direction, and accountability to the member families of SSA. Each family will be required to make a $50 deposit per season refundable upon fulfilling a commitment by each family to volunteer throughout the season. The volunteer opportunities per season will be determined each season by the Board of Directors. Mandy made a motion to approve, Amber seconded. Motion passed.
* An annual general meeting (AGM) of SSA shall be held in Spearfish, SD each year in June. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be given no less than seven days in advance of the meeting. The election of board members and appointment of officers shall be held at this meeting. The Board shall also give a full report of its activities during the preceding year. Jodi made a motion to approve, Ryan seconded. Motion passed.
* Getting to know Keating Sports Complex
* One day rec tournament, it was our first tournament. It was a huge success and it was a fund day. Presidents and coaches from other clubs reached out to say thank you.
  + Picking dates for indoor was very difficult this year.
* Continue to coach to the Development model
  + Tried to make it easier to get coaches by implementing pay based on education.
  + Need coaches to continue to get education.
  + Understanding why drills are done.
  + Offering training in Spring in Spearfish.
  + Continue to offer opportunities.
* Hired DOC to follow a curriculum. We knew we also needed assistance for registration and the tournament.
* Formalized the registration process for tournaments.
  + WE cannot be doing last minute player cards.
* Unpaid invoices – we had a hard time getting payment. We have 106 unpaid invoices for $5317.67 and 20 of the kids are signed up for Spring. We need a log of open invoices from Fall and Indoor.
  + Amber to help with collecting possibly.
* U12 Boys did some great things
* U10 Girls thought they were over bracketing at times, but went out and played hard and won a tournament.
* Jr Academy and bio banding failed
* We need to water our own lawn. Make association stronger and create loyalty of players to teammates and coaches.
* We are not strong when we have one strong team.
* Mantra - water our own lawn
* Season dates/Registration dates:
  + Application with Nancy at the City
  + Do early bird for two weeks at $100 and after $150.
  + We didn’t collect enough for indoor to pay for the rent.
  + Fall Registration June 15-July 15
  + Indoor Registration October 1-November 1
  + Spring Registration February 15-March 15
  + Pete motion: One month registration period where the first two weeks is early bird for $100 and the second two weeks is $150. There will only be a one week late registration period of $175. Mandy seconded. Motion passed.
* New uniforms will be used staring fall. There will be a two-three week turnaround time once we get them made. They will also have an online store for us to use.
* Spring season starts Monday. We will put nets on Saturday at 10am.
* Tournament feed need to be paid. We cannot continue to not get paid.
* Team managers need to follow up with parents.
* Equipment we have two U14 fields and only one has goals. Jodi motion to purchase one set of U14 goals for $5947.20. Ted seconded. Motion passed.
* Coaches meeting every season.
  + Working on practices being Tuesday/Thursday starting at 5:30 and last 60-90 minutes.
  + Need 8 U8 fields
  + Balls/shirts for U6 order 140 balls
* Struggle this spring with road construction as only access is the west side.
* Taking on hiring a DOC has had successes and burdens. It was not announced that Jamie was hired.
  + Jamie working on coaching education to help understand the why.
  + He would like to get coaches together and go over some favorite drills.
  + Water your own grass.
  + What can you do to be part of the solution, not the problem. Take into account and move forward.
  + Set guidance for coaches with 2-3 seasons with us. Track suites for $125 possibly.
  + Get website up to order swag.
  + Part want to be travel & rec. The hours of frustration.
  + Get back to the developmental model. Quit chasing those that don’t want to be part of the solution.
* Nominations opened by Tavis for President.
  + Pete nominated Tavis.
* Adam mentioned a Communication Coordinator to help and take some of it off of the president/DOC.
  + Auto reply – response within ?? hours
  + Jake made a motion to make Adam Communication Coordinator for one year. Ryan seconded. Motion passed.
    - Flow chart, bio on Jamie
* Nominations ceased.
* All in favor of Tavis being president for one year. Motion passed.
* Sensitive information stays with the board and cannot be shared with others.

**COACHES CORNER**

**PRESIDENT’S UPATE**

Ted motion to adjourn at 9:25pm. Mandy seconded.

**The next Spearfish Soccer Association monthly board meeting will be Monday, May 5 , 2025 at the Spearfish Chamber.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Verhulst

Spearfish Soccer Association Board Secretary