

**Spearfish Soccer Association
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2025**

The Spearfish Soccer Association (SSA) held the monthly board meeting on Monday, March 4, 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: Several guests present – not all signed the sign-in sheet

Jamie talked about guest players as Carmen had comments from a previous tournament.

Tavis discussed coaches skill training

Jake discussed previous coaches saying if you wanted to play HS soccer, you had to play for the Rapids.

Talk about the group being fractured as previous coaches took a chunk of them to the Rapids.

We also lose several to other activities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Amber made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mandy seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Tavis and Jake to sit down this week and decide on jerseys.
- Jake made a motion to move AGM to June. Pete read the bylaw change: 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.
- Play up requests – criteria to be based on 3 independent parties. Both coaches have to be in agreement. To maintain order it has to be requested by the coach that is releasing the player.
- Coaches need to be sending out messages about helping for tournaments.
 - Each team should have a manager to collect the fees.
- Pete read bylaw change: 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.
- SSA has six fields 5-8pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and one on Sunday from 5-8pm.
- Coaches can request from Tavis if want friendlies on a different day.
- Coaches meeting soon.
- Tournaments as an association: SF May 9-11, Sturgis May 16-18, Spearfish May 30-June 1, Rapid City June 6-8.

- Don't send teams to last Rapid indoor tournament. It is too much for them. Also, no gold teams go to Belle Fourche.
- Goals and balls need to be hauled off Thursday at 6pm.
- Last fall balls and shirts for young kids. Pete motion to buy balls for U6 & U8 for Spring season. Adam seconded. Motion passed.
- Pete motion to buy shirts for U6 & U8 (maroon). Jodi seconded. Motion passed.
- BBQ – Pete motion to do a BBQ in the fall to kick off the season. Mandy seconded. Motion passed.
- Tournament Director for May tournament as Jodi, Mandy, and Pete out of town. Tavis has 2-3 options and will bring candidates and proposal to next meeting.

COACHES CORNER

- Coaching education in person, get coaches to grassroots. Working with Dale to get something.
- We follow USYS

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Building true competition with field and complex.
- SSA pays for porta potties.
- Referee class March 15 WR Electric
- Bleachers free standing, then we would be able to move them.
- Mick Mayer is looking for U16 Boys/Girls. Register and play with local club and this would be for regional tournaments out of state. Tryouts are March 15.
- U16 Boys going to Brock. Jamie taking the girls.
- Have to look at history and the HS coach was pushing girls to go to Rapid City, if they wanted to play HS soccer.
- U14 hoping to stay.
- We are not BH Rapids.
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Jake motion to adjourn at 8:50pm. Mandy seconded.

The next Spearfish Soccer Association monthly board meeting will be Monday, April 7 , 2025 at the Spearfish Chamber.

Respectfully submitted,
Mandy Verhulst
Spearfish Soccer Association Board Secretary