

**Spearfish Soccer Association**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 1, 2025**

The Spearfish Soccer Association (SSA) held the monthly board meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025 at the Spearfish Chamber. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by SSA President Tavis Little. Board members present: Ted Rewitzer, Jodi Watts, Pete Skvicalo, Adam Lightfield, Ryan Fremont, Joanna Kapsch, Kim Kinney, and Mandy Verhulst.

**OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP**

Jodi motion to approve November Minutes. Pete seconded. Motion passed

Pete motion to approve November Treasurer's report. Adam seconded. Motion passed

- Turf tank – fee came out. City should take this over and paid all fields.
- Spearfish Winter Classic- Minot registered for wrong weekend. Premier, Douglas, Belle, Sturgis, Ignight, and New Castle. 33 teams currently
  - Typically we make \$20-\$30k after expenses for both tournaments.
  - Last year only 54 teams for Winter Classic
  - Guads last year 144
  - 2024-113 Winter Classic and 135 Guads

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Tavis has to open registration for U19 Boys and a younger kid that needs to register. Tavis to reach out to parent.
- Ted asked where the organization is going. Feels like it is going rec. With one practice a week, not going to Gillette. We are trying to develop High School team. Some Rapid teams practice three nights a week that are competitive. What are we?
- Tavis – Rec is outdoor. We changed indoor 4-5 years ago. Some were being left behind so we changed to include everyone and went from competitive to rec. Now you get less commitment from parents to travel. It is a different feel. WE don't have teams going to Bismarck, Turf Wars, and DASC. We are going more inclusive soccer which is the way to go for rec. Competitive should start at U12.
- Adam – By definition we are competitive because we are training for tournaments. Everything below U12 is preparing for U12 competitive.
- Tavis – Parents looking at did we win a tournament at U8. Should be using and developing skills. It is not competitive is we are playing bronze. Bronze – Rec, Silver-Local, Gold – Regional
- Adam- sent message right away to parents that this is a tournament heavy.
- Tavis – Focus on the kids going to tournaments and other have developmental. If seeing growth in numbers, positive. If decline of registrations we are competing with other sports or as an organization not doing what SSA should be doing. Down 60-70 kids from last year. We had almost 200 kids. U12-U14 numbers are down and this fall we were down.
- Jodi – BH Rapids only requiring two tournaments Rapids and Guads. No one to be signed up for Winter Classic. We have to answer – What are we trying to provide? Indoor old style, touches in the off season. Teams now are not competitive. When Spring comes need to know how competitive we want to be. If we are losing kids because they are playing other sports – okay. We need to look at changes.
- Indoor uniform update – New registrations will be on there tonight.

- Guest kits did not get ordered with changes from Dawn.
- Jodi ordered white shirts. U8b need at least seven. Jody has 40 maroon and 20 white. Should be here next week.
- Adam motion to buy uniform kit from family that received the wrong size. Kim seconded. Motion passed.
  - Adam to communicate with them.
- Kendra let Tavis know she has two guest players for Belle but no names yet.
- Practice for U19 team not associated with SSA
- We get a monthly invoice from BHSU.
- Practice changes January 12, starts at 7pm.
- U10 has 25 boys.
- Coaches need to make sure balls are picked up and goals are moved.
- If we lose the fieldhouse, all gym space is taken.
- Coaches need to clean up after.
- Kim said practice tonight was good.

## **COACHES CORNER**

## **PRESIDENT'S UPATE**

Jodi motion to adjourn at 7:59pm. Mandy seconded.

**The next Spearfish Soccer Association monthly board meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2026 at the Young Center.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Verhulst

Spearfish Soccer Association Board Secretary