

Fort Collins Soccer Club
Board of Directors Meeting
October 21, 2024

Attendance:

<u> P </u> Mark Adams, President	<u> P </u> Bret Meldrum, Vice President
<u> P </u> Neil Johnson, Secretary	<u> P* </u> Chad Clark, Treasurer
<u> P* </u> Nick Whitworth, Director	<u> P </u> Fred Long, Director
<u> P </u> Gary Ashley, Director	<u> P </u> Sean Tomlinson, Director
<u> P </u> Hailey Kepler, Director	
<u> P </u> David Thomas, Executive Dir.	<u> P </u> Dave Shaffer, Staff
<u> P </u> Brenda Hampson, Staff	

*Phone

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Bret moved to approve the minutes of the September meetings, Gary seconded; the minutes were approved.

Board Action Items:

- Future Legends: Fred has reached out to the Future Legends “receiver” to gather information regarding opportunities to rent the facilities. Fred was not able to get any firm answers about how to proceed. In the meantime, Future Legends has filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy for the bubble. Everything is very fluid.
- US Soccer update: US Soccer issued a release last week noting their intention to return to August 1 – July 31 team formation birth dates. This will change the landscape quite a bit. Staff is already working on contingencies. The change would take affect for 2025 / 2026.
- Feasibility Study: Brenda presents a snapshot of the progress with the Feasibility Study from Zim Consulting. Note the following:
 - The Case Statement is complete – messaging to be used during interviews.
 - Zim presented an extensive booklet of grant opportunities for the project as well as additional opportunities for the club. A cultivation session is scheduled for November 6.
 - Wealth screening is complete and being used to invite participants for interviews and focus group.
 - Data Collection: 265 responses were received for the survey – good results; one-on-one interviews are ongoing; coach focus group complete, community focus group being scheduled.
 - Themes: members are excited about survey and appreciated being included; members are confident in the Arsenal leadership; members agree upgrades are needed at the complex.
 - Next steps: Zim will present the Feasibility Study to the BOD on November 18.
- David provided registration numbers from the fall season:
 - Rec numbers are leveling off this fall; there are high numbers in PDL; lower numbers are in U5/U6 age groups. Spring numbers are typically higher.
 - Competitive numbers increased this year. 62 teams were formed – the highest number. David believes the increase is due to price point, consistent programming and less competition in the area.

Staff Reports:

Executive Director – David Thomas:

- The LoRusso fundraiser for scholarship will be held at the end of October. The club has purchased a table if any BOD member is interested in attending contact David.
- David continues to work on his Individual Development Plan that includes some online course work. He will complete the course by November/December.

Director of Coaching - Dave Shaffer:

- Covered

Director, Member Services – Brenda Hampson

- The club’s switch to the Playmetrics platform has, mostly, gone smoothly. There have been a few hiccups along the way, but this is a good platform that integrates with the state (we are all using Playmetrics).
- The last rec games are scheduled for this weekend. It has been a great season.
- Scheels has awarded Arsenal a \$5000 grant for scholarship.
- Karen will be retiring at the end of the year, we will start actively looking to replace her shortly.

President’s Report – Mark Adams:

- No report

Vice President's Report – Bret Meldrum:

- No report

Treasurer – Chad Clark:

- No report

Secretary – Neil Johnson:

- No report

Executive Committee – Mark Adams:

- Covered

Financial Management Committee – Chad Clark:

- Covered

Competition Committee – Fred Long:

- Fred met with Dave and David to follow up on fall progress.
 - Staff rolled out new programming that includes more opportunities for gold teams to train at the complex. The complex is holding up pretty good with the added traffic. This provides staff coaches the opportunity to work closer with more teams. This has resulted in better, more responsible usage at the complex. It provides club building opportunities. It is too early to determine long-term benefits. Equipment and field sharing is going well.

Grants/Development Committee – Bret Meldrum:

- Covered.

Soccer Complex Committee – Nick Whitworth:

- The Amended Master Plan was approved and filed on September 24. The clock is ticking on the three years mandated by the county to complete more, permanent restrooms. Nick will share the site and phasing plan at the next BOD meeting.

Board Election Committee – Neil Johnson:

- Neil took a look at the club bylaws to make sure that they align with current CSA bylaws. Most items are in compliance. He had questions about the anti-discrimination policy – does the club have one?

Customer Focus Committee – Hailey Kepler:

- No report

Future Agenda Items:

- Feasibility Study – Zim report
- New Amended Complex Amendment

Bret moved to adjourn the meeting and Gary seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Johnson
Secretary