

# CTFC board meeting 11/14/25

			Present
<b>Executive Board</b>			
	Erin Gorman	President	
	Michael Lish	Vice President	
	Casey Sterrett	Treasurer	
	Katrina Hanna	Secretary	X
	Séamus Leonard	Director	X
	Karen Fuller	Registrar	X
<b>Founding members</b>			
	Lisa Acevado		X
	Alejandro Acevado		
	Lisa Lish		
	Julie Ross Buckmaster		X
	Matt Buckmaster		X
	Joe Fuller		X
	Katy Smith		X
<b>Team representatives</b>			
	Heidi Orr	B2010	
	Xcinia Babayan	B2011	
	Brandi Schultz	B2012 Green	
	Christie Raper	B2012 Purple	X

	Ryan Van Straten	B2013	
	Jesse Ireland	B2014 Green	X
	Amy Clark	B2014 Purple	
	Debbie Fisher	B2015 Green	X
	Forest Payne	B2015 Purple	
	Seth Allen	G2012	X
	Scott Pelton	G2014	
	Jessica Taylor	G2015 Green	
	Reuben Shroeder	G2015 Purple	

We did not have the quorum of 13 today

Welcome and approval of the last meeting's minutes: TABLED until we have a quorum;  
potential online vote

#### President's update

- Update on Fundraising
  - Erin running it solo
  - Will announce in next newsletter
  - Start selling raffle tickets in January
  - Each player will be required to sell 20 tickets at \$10/ticket
  - No further steps at this time
  - We'll need 8-10 prizes with 2-3 big ticket items, these are unknown at this time
  - Karen: perhaps we could ask in the next newsletter if people have prizes they could donate
  - We want to support Erin if she needs it! Christie volunteers!
- Vamos event: Fun time! Will add photos to newsletter
- Bellingham Fan City event- see below
- Holiday party - \$3500-\$4000 proposed budget
  - Mark will be the chef through Farmstrong for \$1500
  - Board is content to drive south in order to keep cost down
  - Board proposes to go to Farmstrong for the party on 12/5 and approve \$2K
    - 10 VOTES to approve
    - Katrina to send out email for approval

#### Director's update

- Memorandum Of Understanding with Whatcom Waves and also World Cup grant application to host Downtown event on Juneteeth with a Watch Party for World Cup game in Seattle afterwards (possible venues being sounded out)
  - Suneeta has 3 coaches that are interested in working with us; it's been approved by their board
    - We will work on coaching development with them in hopes of collaborating and developing our coaching staff
  - They have \$250K in grants to hand out locally to create events for fans.
  - Had considered a 3v3 soccer tournament
    - But it has to be on COB property and trackside is part of Bellingham
  - USA game in Seattle will be the same day
  - Tie it up with the Pickford and do either a movie or watch party
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament in Spring
  - It's a good age for the kids and a good age for us to introduce them to club soccer
  - Need a contact from the school district to make it happen and we're working on who is a good contact to help make this happen
  - 16 elementary teams- each school brings a boys AND girls team
  - Late March/early April
  - Make it an annual tournament
  - FREE!
- Meeting with Bellingham Family Partnership Program RE Community Partnership agreement (Futsal classes and gym access)
- Tryout plans for next year
  - Anticipate 18 teams next year
  - We won't have the field space to accommodate more teams
    - How are we upholding the mission to offer soccer to all?
      - We only have so much field space and we need to grow in a sustainable way.
      - We're 13 teams more than would not otherwise be an option
      - We will be working to develop more field space
  - Clear communication will be important. We'll need to be honest with players and families- "we have 5 spots".
  - Discussion around the integrity of supporting all players regardless their level of play. It's important to this club that we support players that are committed to the club and withhold the code of conduct. There will be pros/cons of this commitment, but in the long run it will be beneficial for all to continue to work with our players.
    - It is important to us to maintain the quality over quantity.
  - Seamus and Karen are already looking at where players will shake out with their new age groups. Looking like the U12 age group may need 3 teams already.
  - Possible there will be closed try outs in certain age groups
- Team updates
  - G2015 green won their division

- G2014 green won their division too
- G2012 green they'll finish 6th of 8
- B2015 they won; they'll move up to classic in the spring
- B2014 purple, one more game. 4th of 6. Lots of improvement in the last couple weeks.
- B2014 green will finish 5th of 6th, they're classic 2. We thought we'd do better, anticipate improvement in the spring. They other teams have gotten better
- B2012 green finished 2nd. They'll move up to Classic.
- B2012 purple have done quite well, but a bit inconsistent. Lots of rec players. They'll move up a division
- G2015 purple - will park it because Reuben isn't here
- B2010 - finished 3rd in 10th
- 2 players were suspended by the Ref. It took a couple weeks for the process to be completed and this is why it wasn't initially contested. We did object to the content of the report.
  - The ref association admitted that they've had problems with this ref.
  - The ref in question is no longer ref'g TIDE games. This particular REF is a minor and knew players on the team.
  - The team in general hasn't gel'd
- B2015 purple: see below
- Review Seamus' contract
  - This was initially on the agenda for November because we had an unknown budget and weren't sure if we'd be able to pay Seamus.
  - We have enough money to pay Seamus at his current pay rate
  - Seamus declines increased pay
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#### Registrar's update

- Got Sport and Team snap are going away.
- We need to approve one of the below by January.
- Karen kindly typed out the pros/cons of each:

#### Stack Sports Fees

500 base fee, includes shoddy website

CC fees: 3.74%+\$3 per transaction

With our tuition of \$1650, that brings a one time CC payment total to:  
\$1714.71

#### PlayMetrics:

Base fee is \$14/player (with an anticipated 275 players next year, that is \$3850)

CC fees: 2.9%+0.30 per transaction

Without the base fee and with our tuition, that brings us to : \$1698.15

We could up the CC fees to make up that 14/player, as an option, up our tuition a little, or eat it as a club.

Seamus and I looked at the estimated budget for now for next year, and without this change, we are right on target for the 1650 fees again, so eating this would be "over budget" BUT as we are going to have a large carryover of funds for next year, we can eat this cost this year and keep our fees the same. In future years, we will likely have to up our tuition for other costs, and can add it at that time, OR we will also hopefully have some more sponsorships on the jerseys to help cover this type of thing, something to talk about each year.

Also, the Playmetrics does NOT come with a website, it's an added cost of \$700, but it is MUCH nicer than what we are currently using , and we have to do something regardless as Stack sports will be no more.

The trade off is that we can switch from TeamSnap to Playmetrics as they have an app that does the same function, and that's nice because it's all in one spot. TeamSnap costs us approximately 950/year, so we'd save a little there. If we hate it after this year, we can talk about bringing TS back, but I think it's good to try out for a year anyway.

- Need approval soon- by Monday. 10 VOTES for approval now.

\*Katrina sent out email for approval and it was APPROVED by the board on

11/17/25

- Blankets - high quality CTFC blankets as a merch option?
  - We'd have to sell them for \$70-75.
  - Seems too expensive, will defer this until we can buy a larger quantity and sell for less

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Treasurer's update

- Anticipating \$50-70K surplus at the end of the year
- Cash flow balance sheet presented

Committee updates

### Community Outreach

- 2 successful events!
- potential Galbraith trail work party - Brooke Larrabee is the contact
  - B2014 team?
  - B2015 purple?
- Food drive competition: Food banks need food in Feb and March.

### Player welfare committee

- CLOSED SESSION

### Scholarships

- Word is getting out that we offer scholarships!

### Team updates

### Question(s) from Team Reps:

How will the club be handling the anticipated increase in membership next year and the effect that will have on current players and the pressure on field space?

- Any CTFC player that's adhering to the code of conduct will have a place on the team next year. WHICH team they get offered is not predetermined
- We have identified 18 teams for next year, but we won't be able to accommodate much more than that.

### Action items:

- **Items to be voted on- for all items we have 10 votes of approval and need 3 more from board members who were not present at the meeting:**
  - Approve last meeting's minutes
  - Budget of \$2,000 for the holiday party. We'll go to Farmstrong on 12/5/25 where Mark Schultz will kindly cater the party!
    - Members present opted to drive to skagit so that we don't have to rent space in bellingham and keep costs down.
  - Play-metrics
    - We agree the club can absorb the \$4,000 increase in price instead of passing that onto members?
    - We agree to pay \$150 for code of conduct processing so that Karen doesn't have to track down every family and signature?
    - We agree to a 2 year term with 1 year renewal structure?

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**Next meeting: PARTY 12/5**

**ONLINE MEETINGS for January, Feb**

Jan 9 at 6-8p, Feb 13th 6-8p, March 13