

Board meeting 7/25/25

Attendees:

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

	Ryan Van Straten	B2013	X
	Jesse Ireland	B2014 Green	
	Amy Clark	B2014 Purple	X
	Debbie Fisher	B2015 Green	X
	Forest Payne	B2015 Purple	X
	Seth Allen	G2012	X
	Scott Pelton	G2014	X
	Jessica Taylor	G2015 Green	
	Reuben Shroeder	G2015 Purple	X
<b>Coaches</b>			
	Nikki Platte Nieves		
	Jared Fields		
	Bryan Wokick		

Séamus: introduction to the team

Introduction of all board members!

- Scott Pelton is on the board of paper arts that hosts major bellingham events

Approval of the meeting minutes from 6/22/25:

President's update

- Program for used cleats, "Tide-ying out the closet"
  - 2 times/year- end of summer and end of winter
- World cup/fan city
  - Erin went as a rep of CTFC on 7/17- bellingham tourism
  - Erin had some great ideas about how to bring soccer to the community/street fairs
  - They want us to help!
    - Consider hosting a 3v3 tournament
    - Create a new committee around this

- Great marketing for CTFC
- Professional development: sponsorships and funding
  - Las Vegas training and networking- April, register by February
  - Should we send Erin?
    - Place to get sponsorship and funding
  - Tabled: we need a proposal and we can vote on it at a later date
- Plans to start sending out a monthly bulletin
- FYI- new club- skagit premier!
  - Some of our teams will be playing friendlies with them

#### Director's update

- Mission: transparency, accountability, treating players and families like members (not clients)
  - We value discussion, reaching agreements, allowing for disagreeing, etc.
- Tournaments: Bit of a nightmare this year!
  - Firecracker: Were told verbally several times that we would be admitted. Couldn't register until we had WPL approval. Registered as soon as we had WPL approval and they'd closed registration
    - Séamus is concerned about working with them again
  - Rush cup: 115 teams weren't allowed in, we were one of them
    - Séamus wants to be done with them too
  - Skagit/copa cup- we want to work with them and support their organization
  - Update given on teams going to tournaments
  - Refunding \$50 to team members for any team that didn't get into 2 tournaments
    - Discussed this group: it's a goodwill gesture that was a positive PR move. Unknown budget and uncertainty
    - Determined to be within TD decision making jurisdiction
- How do we safeguard from this happening again?
  - We won't work with tournaments that allow teams to register without securing a spot
  - Registering earlier
- Field update/fees increase
  - Gym rental (intended for winter practices) increased from \$6 to \$25/hour (elem) and \$35 (middle school) and \$50 (HS)
  - Turf field rental increased from \$40 to \$60
  - Email Wednesday (7/23) no BSD fields from Aug 15 to end of Sept.
    - BSD needs to prep fields for sports
    - There is no plan B
    - BSD never notified us of field changes
      - We don't have a contract
      - They don't provide rental agreements
    - We were clear with field needs from the beginning
      - Our insurance and WPL approval which is leveraged on BSD fields

- Can't rent college fields due to the above
  - Next step: consistent and reiterated response from exec board
    - Lets give until 8/1 for BSD to do the right thing
    - If we don't hear from them: Séamus will notify the board by monday evening. He will let us know if he wants to assign jobs to specific people OR if he wants us to establish an emergency committee to problem solve and leverage resources.
    - Possible next steps
      - Superintendent of facilities
        - Lobbying to change to policy
      - Checking with insurance co- can we use the fields/are we covered if we use the fields when we're not explicitly renting it
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      - Reuben Shroeder has resources with youth sports attorney
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- Coaching update-
  - o Teams/coaches
    - Coaches (Head/Asst)
    - **G15 Green:** Jared Fields, Molly Hawes
    - **G15 Purple:** Hannah Hodge, Tessa Perry
    - **G14 Green:** Nikki Platte Nieves, Amy Hall
    - **G12 Green:** Jody Mason
  
    - **B15 Green:** Séamus Leonard
    - **B15 Purple:** Alex Casey
    - **B14 Green:** Bryan Wokich, Kate Taussig
    - **B14 Purple:** Séamus Leonard
    - **B13 Green:** Jared Fields
    - **B12 Green:** TBC/Séamus Leonard covering for now
    - **B12 Purple:** Séamus Leonard
    - **B11 Green:** Joris Debeij
    - **B10 Green:** Séamus Leonard
- Coaching slate is set. Coaches will swap each other out so that all teams have a coach for every game, but it will rotate
- Need to develop our coaches

#### Registrar's update

- Got sport reminder!
  - Deadline to complete: end of the Summer

#### Treasurer's update

- Payroll update: no one has been paid yet.
- The budget is flexible as this is the first year
- Savings account: approx \$137,000
  - Goal: Cash flow analysis
    - Scott Pelton happy to help!
    - Ryan Van Straten is an accountant also happy to help!
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- Checking: ~\$4,000
- Still have monthly payments coming in
- Séamus: where youth soccer goes wrong is the money. We need transparency and solid management

New items discussed:

- Parent representatives:
  - Séamus to send out an email encouraging teams to identify their representative so that they can bring up issues, gain clarification
- Bylaws: on the website:  
[https://dt5602vnjxv0c.cloudfront.net/portals/84128/docs/chuckanut%20tide%20football%20club%20by%20laws\\_rev0%201.pdf](https://dt5602vnjxv0c.cloudfront.net/portals/84128/docs/chuckanut%20tide%20football%20club%20by%20laws_rev0%201.pdf)
- Defining roles for board members
  - Need to do it! Erin plans to start this.
- Board meetings: committees need to be prepared to report to the board

TABLED ITEMS:

Any issues from team reps

Committee (scholarship, player welfare, fundraising, community outreach) updates- any?

- Preset board meetings/times
- Guest playing procedures

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Next meeting: Aug 15. Time and location tbd