

CTFC Board meeting 10/10/25

			Present
Executive Board			
	Erin Gorman	President	
	Michael Lish	Vice President	
	Casey Sterrett	Treasurer	X
	Katrina Hanna	Secretary	X
	Séamus Leonard	Director	X
	Karen Fuller	Registrar	X
Founding members			
	Lisa Acevado		X
	Alejandro Acevado		
	Lisa Lish		
	Julie Ross Buckmaster		X
	Matt Buckmaster		X
	Joe Fuller		X
	Katy Smith		X
Team representatives			
	Heidi Orr	B2010	X
	Xcinia Babayan	B2011	X
	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	
	Scott Pelton	G2014	
	Jessica Taylor	G2015 Green	X
	Reuben Shroeder	G2015 Purple	

Approval of last meetings minutes: APPROVED

*katrina will email meeting minute drafts to the board

President's updates (sick today)

Director's updates

- Teams progress update
 - See Seamus if you'd like specific numbers
- Vamos Outdoors Nov 7th event (buy another table or more seats?)
 - Erin putting together another table; Brandi, Christie, Xcinia and Debbie open to going if there's another table
 - Board APPROVES funds for a second table
- Fields/gyms update
 - About 2 weeks sorted out for fields/practices
 - BSD has been very responsive- we're grateful.
 - Futsal last night and it went very well!
 - Plan to get the younger kids in at BFP in the earlier time slots, which will be free before 6p.
 - For next year- we'll know more because we've been through it before. But we expect this to be one of our biggest issues until there are more fields in Bellingham.
- Training last week before Thanksgiving (exception for G14 Green after season ends, but club calendar will be adhered to going forward)
- Futsal education course for coaches

- Coaches are going through training; they're paying out of pocket but club will reimburse.
- May send some coaches to United Soccer Coaches' National Diploma (hybrid course, online and Shoreline CC)
 - Coaches have not accepted
- Ask reps to relay message to teams about no sideline coaching (can provide language, if necessary)
 - "Shoot", "pass" it's affecting kids decision making and it needs to stop. Also there should be absolutely no commenting on other people's kids.
 - Seamus will work on language and send out a template for REPs to pass along. We can encourage cheering the kids on, or affirming intent, not outcome.
- Complaints against from Seamus
 - B14 purple parents: He's loud. It's a shy, quiet team. Seamus feels his actions are appropriate, verbal instructions need to happen.
 - General discussion around Seamus' style of coaching. He feels firmly that straight talk and instruction is important to him. "One of my strengths as a coach is that I don't need to be liked." "We want to be the kind of club that holds people accountable, myself included." We expect our players to play hard regardless the level of play. These are standards/expectations of this club.
 - "I know these kids can do better and I expect that of them."
 - Debbie: encourages parents to come to practice to better understand the culture
- Reviewed levels of play in WPL
 - NPL- supers!
 - Classic 1, 2
 - Copa 1, 2, 3
 - Teams can change divisions between Fall and Spring leagues
- Joris offered a group rate for Doctober at the pickford!

Registrar's updates

- We're selling hats/scarfs. It'd be great to get a square reader (credit card reader) for the club.
 - It's FREE! Board approves.
- Vote for a "mascot" for a social media campaign!
 - Gnome, sloth, sasquatch, or ORCA. The paper vote went out.
 - VOTED for ORCA!

Treasurer's updates

- Anticipate having about \$90,000 by the end of the year
- Considering a club credit card as Karen and Seamus have been paying things on their personal cards. This would prevent the personal payments and Casey needing to reimburse them.

- Any person with a club credit card fills out a form that explains reasons for the purchase
 - Chase and capital one have 2% cash back. You can set limits for specific cards/employees.
 - Industrial credit union may have options
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- Registrar, Director, and Treasurer should have a credit card
- Board APPROVES

Team Representatives

- Questions around futsal practices:
 - Do we have specific futsal balls? yes.
 - It's great for technical skills, kids love it, we won't lose as many practices were lost due to weather/poor fields.
 - We'll try to get the younger kids in the gym for most of the winter because they focus and play better being less cold.
 - Lets send out an informational email
 - Equipment: Shoes? Normal sneakers- don't buy special shoes!
 - No specific needs for goalies
 - What to expect
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- Request from B11 information about the WA Cup in November
 - In the next couple weeks the WPL will put current team standings to put teams in brackets.
 - Finals will be the weekend before Thanksgiving at Starfire
 - Anticipate normal amounts of travel- Seattle area

Committee updates

- Community outreach update: finalizing newsletter (it's own website)
 - Whatcom county million trees forest. Tree planting party just for CTFC on November 9.
 - Growing veterans, "putting the garden to bed" Oct 25 event for CTFC
 - Let them know if you have other opportunities
- Fundraising committee
 - No coffee near turf fields.

Holiday party update:

- Majority is IN. Erin will plan it. Christie happy to help.
 - For board and coaches
 - Brandi offers Mark to cater it!
 - BYOB to avoid issues.

- Date?? Let's find a venue first and then sort out the date. Looking at the first week of December.

Next meeting:

- Nov 14th , (December off), Jan 9, Feb 13th, March 13