

CTFC Board Meeting 3/13/26

			Present
Executive Board			
	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
Founding members			
	Lisa Acevedo		X
	Alejandro Acevedo		
	Lisa Lish		
	Julie Ross Buckmaster		x
	Matt Buckmaster		X
	Joe Fuller		X
	Katy Smith		X
Team representatives			
	Heidi Orr	B2010	X

	Xcinia Babayan	B2011	
	Brandi Schultz	B2012 Green	X
	Christie Raper	B2012 Purple	X
	Ryan Van Straten	B2013	
	Jesse Ireland	B2014 Green	x
	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	x
	Reuben Shroeder	G2015 Purple	x

Welcome and approval of the last meeting's minutes: Approved

President's Update

Survey Results

- Thank you to Ryan for preparing the survey.
- We have received 30 responses so far.
- Main feedback relates to tournaments: preference for closer locations and earlier notice.
- This season should run more smoothly, though scheduling may still be impacted by age-group changes and late communication from some local tournaments.
- We plan to send as many teams as possible to the Firecracker tournament; Muk Cup will be the second local option. Each team will attend two tournaments.
- No four-day tournaments will be scheduled.
- The survey will be re-sent separately to gather additional feedback.

Fundraiser & Raffle Update

- The club is eligible to apply for a raffle license now, but licenses expire in June.
- We will apply in June and will need volunteer support for fundraising efforts at that time.

Spelling Bee Event

- Team reps will distribute information to gauge interest in a spelling bee event at Beachcat once shared club wide.

Futsal Enrichment Classes

- Enrollment in Tuesday morning BFPP futsal sessions has grown from 1 participant to approximately 12. Kids are enjoying.

Podcast Update (#4)

- A meeting with Susan Lindsey, producer at the local radio station, is being scheduled to discuss program details.
- Erin will share updates by email.
- The focus will highlight the club's purpose and include player voices.

Director's Update

Copa Surf Recap

- Successful weekend overall.
- G12 and B10 teams both reached their finals.
- B14 and B11 gained valuable experience and reported positive learning outcomes.
- Tournament was well-run with smooth logistics.
- Timing worked especially well for HS boys, aligning with the end of their season.
- Families gave overwhelmingly positive feedback.

B12 Purple – Red Card / Misconduct Report (Séamus)

- Referee's report was shared with the board; Séamus provided his response.
- He disagreed with the initial call but acknowledged raising his voice.
- He disputed the wording of the report, denied continued harassment, and disagreed with the post-game handshake allegation.
- Players proceeded through the handshake line; Séamus chose not to shake the referees' hands, which is not required by rule.
- Concern was raised when the referee asked a player to leave the bench—Séamus disagreed, noting the player was quietly seated under his supervision.
- A video was submitted with the appeal. The league does not alter or overturn referee reports but attaches the appeal to the record.

- A board member confirmed agreement with Séamus's account from multiple parents.
- Emphasis was placed on the coach's responsibility to support and protect players; yellow cards occur and are addressed appropriately.

High School Tryouts – U16/U17 Boys

- U17/U18: Full roster; strong retention with a few new additions. Two training players moved up to be on the roster.
- U16: Offers were sent the day after tryouts. Five players left for other opportunities, leaving the roster at 13.
 - Most players are replaying U16 due to this year's age-group shift.
 - Expectation that additional players may join after missing tryouts.
 - Most are returning players.
 - U15 players may be used to supplement if needed.

WA Cup

- All younger teams have been registered.
- A few rosters are currently light on players.

U11–U15 Tryouts

- Awaiting district confirmation of field availability.
- Tentative dates: April 18–19; volunteers will be needed for player check-ins.
- U13 tryouts will occur the weekend before, with U15 scheduled the following Monday/Tuesday.
- Registration is set up on the website and will be advertised when dates and times are finalized.
- Updated **set try-out dates:**
 - **Girls Tryout Dates**
 - U11 - April 18 & 19 9:00-10:15 am @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U12 - April 18 & 19 1:45-3:00 pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U13 - April 16 & 17 7:15-8:45 pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U14 - April 18 & 19 3:15-4:45 pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U15 - April 18 & 19 6:30-8:00 pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U16 & Up - Teams not available this season
 - **Boys Tryout Dates**
 - U11 - April 18 & 19 5:00-6:15 pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U12 - April 18 & 19 12:15-1:30 pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U13 - April 13 & 14 7:15-8:45 pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U14 - April 18 & 19 10:30-12:00pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U15 - April 20 & 21 7:15-8:45pm @ Kulshan Middle School
 - U16 & Up - Tryouts took place in February

Tabled Item - Veo Subscription – Next Season

- Discussion postponed.
- Ongoing concerns include players frequently being recorded and the logistical challenge of managing the equipment.
- If adopted, a designated individual or role would need to oversee usage.
- Not intended for every game or every team.
- Will revisit at a future meeting.

Registrar's Update

Swag Inventory & Ordering

- Current inventory is low (one hat, two scarves remaining).
- Lisa will contact Roughneck and explore options for restocking and expanding offerings.

Professional Photography for Website

- The new website requires updated, high-quality player and club photos.
- Proposal to hire a professional sports photographer to attend summer practices.
- Erin has a contact and will follow up.
- Website visibility on Google may take several weeks.
- All in agreement to hire photographer

Treasurer's Update

Cashflow Status

- The updated cashflow document has been uploaded to the club's Google Drive.
- Current bank balance update. \$72717.22
- Player fees for next season have begun coming in.
- Cashflow projections show the club remaining in positive standing throughout the year.

Budget Review & Provisional Approval

- Discussion held regarding the timing of the annual budget approval—whether at the AGM or at the start of the season.
- A draft ("best-estimate") budget can be presented early, but the final budget cannot be approved until team numbers and total membership are confirmed.
- A full budget review will occur in the summer once full enrollment data is available.
- Board members are encouraged to submit any additions or items they believe should be included.
- Next steps: Consider scheduling a dedicated budget meeting or reserving extended time in an upcoming board meeting to fully review financial details.

Other Items

- **April Board Meeting (Séamus)**

- Due to WA Cup and tryouts, April is an especially busy period.
- Recommendation: Pause the April meeting and reconvene in May when team assignments are finalized.

Board Position Duration

- Team Representative commitments end at the AGM.
- New terms begin in May.
- Training for new teams will begin the week after school ends.

Background Check Renewal Process (Heidi)

- Item tabled for a later meeting.

Voting by Proxy

- Follow-up from last meeting.
- Policy/documentation should be uploaded to Club Hub.

AGM Planning

- The Executive Board will need to meet separately to plan for the upcoming AGM.
- Reminder to identify interest in the Board Secretary position.

Committee Updates

Facilities

- Club contacted WCC regarding summer facility availability; fall space remains limited.
- Summer rental costs are comparable to Kulshan.
- A contract with Ferndale is in place, but the club aims to keep as many activities as possible located in Bellingham.

Team Updates

B10 Green

- Tryouts went well.
- High school season has started; CTFC players are well-represented on the Sehome JV team.

- First team to begin using PlayMetrics; calendar sync has been a helpful feature.
- Parent meeting scheduled for this Sunday for the new team.
- HS boys have expressed interest in volunteering at tryouts.

B11

- Pleased with tryout results.
- Positive feedback from both players and parents regarding the tryout format.

B12 Green

- No updates.

B12 Purple

- No updates; team dynamic appears strong.

B13 Green

- Not present.

B14 Green

- Team doing well overall.
- A few parents required reminders about appropriate communication with referees.

B14 Purple

- No updates.

B15 Green

- No updates; program going smoothly.

B15 Purple

- No concerns; team division placement appears more equitable this season.

G12 Green

- No updates.

G14 Green

- No updates; team is happy and stable.

G15 Green

- No updates; team is being challenged appropriately in the new division.

G15 Purple

- No updates; significant improvement and growing maturity observed.

Additional Notes

- Erin encourages coaches and reps to share player or team highlights for inclusion in the club newsletter.
- Séamus is meeting with Sunita to discuss potential coaching candidates from Whatcom Waves

Action Items

- Next Meeting: AGM — March 27th, Kulshan Commons, 6–8 PM