



ST. PAUL SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
MEETING MINUTES – **June 23, 2026**

Location:	Reunion Station
Chair Person:	Dora Robinson
In attendance:	Dora Robinson, Kim Brodziak, Janelle Kulczycki, Melanie Ference, Sarah Weimer, Andrew Morin, Jacqueline Morin, Angele Morrison, Gisele Fontaine, Melanie Reid, Jen Graham, Kiel Andersen, Ryan Reid, Dan Swiegocki, Renee Andersen, Kyla Ference, Lysandra Kitzul, Claude Cote, Joel Bernardin
Meeting Called to order:	1901

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1. Adoption of Agenda

- a. **MOTION TO ADOPT** made Jen Graham

SECONDED by Andrew Morin, all in favour.

2. Adopt Previous AGM meeting – **MOTION TO ADOPT** made by Joel Bernardin, SECONDED by Angele Morrison, all in favour.

3. Roll call and reports:

a) President; Dora Robinson; report attached

b) Vice president; Angele Morrison; report attached

c) Registrar; Jen Graham; report attached

d) Treasurer; Jacqueline Morin- Handed out the financial report to those who would like to read it present at the meeting. We have a casino scheduled for November. Kyla asked about jersey logo and if that will increase cost for registration. Explained to her by Jacqueline and Dora that it's an in and out expense. Andrew Morin **MOTONS** to approve financials, Seconded by Angele Morrison, all in favour.

e) Referee Director; Melanie Reid; report attached

f) Communication Director; Janelle Kulczycki

- Likes Team ramp for communication, works well.

g) Bingo/ Casino Director; Pauline Scrannage not in attendance; no report.

h) Technical Director; Kiel Andersen; report attached

i) Equipment Director; Kim Brodziak; report attached

j) Tournament Coordinator; Andrew Morin

- Tournament had to be cancelled on Sunday due to the rain.
- Will start to advertise for our St. Paul tournament on January 1st.
- Teams that didn't play all their games will get their funds back for the games missed.
- Loss of about \$3000

k) Events and Picture Coordinator; Janice Huser

- Went well until the rain came. Took 3 days to get all pictures done. 321 players had their pictures taken. For indoor, there was approximately 100 players have their pictures taken.
- Windup- served over 500 hot dogs. Used up some of the hot dogs left over from the tournament and will continue to use up what we have for provincials in July.

l) Youth Coordinator; Ryan Christensen- not in attendance. Report read out loud by Dora Robinson; report attached

m) Grassroots Coordinator; No grassroots coordinator as previous grassroots coordinator had stepped down prior to 2026 outdoor season; report made by Dora and read out loud; report attached.

n) Volunteer Coordinator; Sarah Weimer

- Had more general terms for volunteer duties, in order to make it less confusing and to generate less complaints.
- Out of 354, 141 have not fulfilled their duties.

o) Fields and Facilities Coordinator; Joel Bernardin; Report attached

p) Adult Coordinator; Claude Cote

- Had 1 mixed team from the last two years to having 2 teams in the indoor season. Having more and more registrants in the adult league. Noticed a lot more females registering.

q) Concession Coordinator; Gisele Fontaine; Report attached

4. Election of Positions up for re-election

- a) Secretary- Jen Graham nominates Melanie Ference, no one else is interested. Melanie Ference accepts position for two years (until 2028)
- b) Vice President- Janelle Kulczycki nominates Lysandra Kitzul, no one else is interested in the position, Lysandra accepts for two years (2028)
- c) Equipment Director- Jen Graham nominates Kim Brodziak, no one else is interested. Kim accepts position for two years (2028)
- d) Referee Director- Ryan nominated Melanie Reid, no one else is interested, Melanie accepts.

5. Expression of interest in coordinator positions (list all)

- a) Tournament Coordinator; Andrew Morin wishes to remain no others interested – Andrew Morin (2027)
- b) Adult Coordinator; Claude Cote wishes to remain, no others interested – Claude Cote (2027)
- c) Youth Coordinator; Ryan Christensen wishes to remain, no others interested- Ryan Christensen (2027)
- d) Facilities/ fields coordinator; Joel Bernardin wishes to remain, no others interested- Joel Bernardin (2027)
- e) Events and Picture Coordinator; Janice Huser wishes to remain, no others interested -Janice Huser (2027)
- f) Volunteer Coordinator; Sarah Weimer wishes to remain, no others interested- Sarah Weimer (2027)
- g) Grassroots Coordinator; Kiel Andersen nominates Kyla Ference, no others interested, Kyla Ference accepts (2027)
- h) Concession Coordinator; Gisele Fontaine wishes to remain, no others interested- Gisele Fontaine (2027)

6. New Business

- a) Voting on amended bylaws

Kiel Andersen **MOTIONS** to approve new Bylaws seconded by Andrew Morin, motion carried.

- b) Signing authority for new VP:

- Claude makes a **MOTION** to change the signing of the Bingo, casino and main general account from Dora Robinson, Angele Morrison, Jacqueline Morin and Joanne Knysh, to Dora Robinson, Lysandra Kitzul, Jacqueline Morin and Joanne Knysh, seconded by Andrew, motion carried.

6. Parent Questions

- **No questions.**

Motion made by Dora to adjourn meeting at 1949, seconded by Melanie

REPORTS

2026 – Referee Director Report-Melanie Reid

- Melanie Reid took over as interim ref director in March of 2026;
- SPSA hosted 2 referee development courses in April (mini and youth);
- SPSA has 4 active district level referees (can HR or AR any age);
- SPSA has 5 active youth level referees (can HR up to one age group below their age, AR any level, age 14 and up);
- SPSA has 12 active mini refs (eligible to HR U7 and U9 only, and AR up to their abilities, age 12 and up);
- Referee development needs to continue and be supported in order to continue competitive soccer;
- I assigned referees for 31 league and exhibition games this year (not including the mini/UFO classic tournament);
- SPSA referee director will schedule referees for hosting Provincials, an estimated 100 games over the three days.

Technical Director Report- Kiel Andersen

Being new to the position and just finding my footing, I believe we have had a very successful indoor and outdoor season to present seeing several teams qualifying for provincials. U13 Girls Cote, U15 Girls Penner, Both U15 Boys teams Lampron & Martin, U17 Girls Cote & U17 Boys Christensen all managed to come home with Medals from this years Lakeland Cup. An impressive feat to note is both U15 Boys teams will be representing the Lakeland in provincials this year finishing with gold and silver at Lakeland Cup with the decision coming down to a shoot out. While we are hosting 2026 Tier 4 Provincials, we will see one team from St Paul representing the host community in each age category we have.

Finding coaches has been somewhat of a struggle every year especially qualified or individuals with time to take the required courses. I believe going forward coach selections may be looking to be completed sooner to allow for training to be done prior to the season and to gauge if hosting courses locally would be beneficial or finding where the nearest courses are being held long before hand allowing coaches time to plan for them & renew anything that has expired.

We had opted this season to step away from Challenger coaches going with a local Technical Coach, Bri Krekoski. This decision was made based not only being local but having an extremely impressive list of qualifications & experience for the job. The response from the players has been extremely positive, as well as the coaches that have given feedback have been pleased with her insight. This outdoor season we unfortunately weren't able to take full advantage of extra sessions due to fields being late to start and an extremely wet couple of months. Some feedback received from Bri that will most likely be implemented going forward will be to have preseason and early season coaching sessions to assist coaches as well with starting practices and going through proper stretching and warm up routines that the players can be doing when they get to the pitch to allow the coaches time to be better utilised on development.

Concession Coordinator Report- Gisele Fontaine

Concession for the mini tournament went well this year. Unfortunately, with the rain out we lost a day of profits but still did well on the Saturday. We have provincials coming up July 3-5. We will open Friday evening and run two full days Saturday and Sunday. I anticipate we will do well during this event.

2026 Equipment Report- Kim Brodziak

-Lots of our equipment was all used up this season. On the list to replenish for next year are more cones, size 3 balls and first aid kits.

-Timbits Soccer changed their jerseys this year. We had a little hiccup with numbers falling off before the season started but with quick action and great customer service, we were able to get our order re-made and shipped in time to give out to players.

-This year we had the U9's take part in the McDonald's Sponsorship program along with the U11's. Each player received a hat, jersey, pair of shorts, and a pair of socks. This is our second year with the program and fitting was better this year.

-Youth jerseys were successful again, this year. Most sizes were ordered correctly and there was less trading/exchanging than last year. However, dispersing jerseys for youth teams became a challenge because of us not being at our fields for the first few weeks. But we got it done and everyone got what they needed.

Registrar Report- Jen Graham

Indoor 2025-2026

#registrations:179 (2025-136)

#Withdrawals:5

#teams u5-adults

- 5 grassroots
- 5 youth
- 3 Lakeland youth teams with St. Paul players
- 2 adult teams

Outdoor 2026

#registrations: 386 (2025-382)

#withdrawals :7

of teams U5-adults

- 21 grassroots
- 9 youth
- 2 Lakeland teams with St. Paul players
- 1-2 adult teams one ladies and one men's team

President Report- Dora Robinson

Indoor We had a successful indoor season this year. We had an increase in registrants and were able to create more teams this year compared to last. We sent 1 St Paul team to Provincials and 3 Lakeland teams for U17 G, U19 G and U19 boys. U17 and U19 Girls obtained silver medals, U15 B and U19 B obtained Bronze. We were also able to field 2 adult teams that were both competitive in league play. Some of the female players attended provincials with the Lakeland ladies' team. It was challenging to find enough gym space and we were only able to offer 1 practice a night with additional practice times obtained where coaches had to book time if they wanted an additional practice. We will be exploring additional options for the indoor season to hopefully provide our teams with more practice slots if we are able.

Outdoor Like indoor we saw an increase in registrants, interest in soccer is growing and we had to turn late registrants away due to coach challenges. Our field space is quickly diminishing as our numbers continue to grow. We added a youth tournament to our mini tournament this year and will be hosting provincials July 3-5 this year. As always, we are thankful for the parent volunteers that continue to step up and our board members who wear many hats to ensure our season runs smoothly. As we are hosting provincials this year, 1 of our teams per age category is able to attend provincials. 7 of our 9 teams are able to attend this year as our U15 boys teams placed 1st and 2nd at Lakeland Cup and we are able to send them both. Rather than use the Challenger program we decided to hire Bri Krekoski who is someone with a large soccer knowledge, extensive

training and someone who played soccer throughout her adolescence in St. Paul. I had the opportunity to have her on my bench for a few games and each of my players responded to her direction and it was a great help. I also was able to see her work with the younger age groups and thought she did a great job there as well. We were able to award 4 scholarships to coaches this year who are attending post secondary and came back to coach our teams. We also had 5 other youth helping coach in the U5, U7 and U9 age groups. Unfortunately, we dealt with a lot of field closure and rescheduling to other locations within St. Paul due to the amount of rain that we incurred (and are still incurring). Many of our players have made Tier 3 teams and we even have a U11 tier 3 team made of up entirely St. Paul players, which is a testament to the coaches and our program. It was a busy 1st year in my new role as President but I made it through with the help of the board.

Grassroots Year-End Report 2025/2026 Season Indoor Season Summary:

This past indoor season we had 1 u5/u7 team, 2 u9 teams, 1 U11 girls team and 1 U11 boys team totaling 71 registered players. Both elementary and Racette were used for practice days on Mondays and Wednesdays. We had one coach drop out last minute due to practice scheduling and had to recruit a new coach.

Outdoor Season Summary: This year for outdoor our grassroots coordinator stepped down a few weeks before the season started which resulted in a lot of last minute coordinating getting done. U11 boys had many roster changes that resulted in issues and confusion but it was sorted out and the season regarding players seemed to run smoothly after that. I had to recruit some coaches last minute as well as we did not have enough volunteers sign up to coach. In the end all of our teams were covered. The team breakdown was as follows: • U5: 5 teams • U7: 5 teams • U9: 5 teams, 2 female teams and 3 male teams • U11 Boys: 3 teams • U11 Girls: 2 teams with 205 players being registered in those age groups. Bonnyville asked us to pilot a female program with them this year and we had the largest female teams in the area. I did not hear anything negative in regards to deciding to split the teams female/male as it gave the girls more touches on the ball during games in my opinion from past knowledge of u9. Overall, the season ran well, . While there were a few challenges, they were addressed promptly and with cooperation from all parties involved. We had one concern regarding the u7 team that was coached by youth players not having the same opportunities as other teams in regards to attending tournaments and having games starting at 6:30 rather than 7:00 as their practice times were 6-7. That U7 team was able to attend our home tournament plus two additional tournaments out of town, which is more than some of the other U7 teams. Initially the youth volunteers were slated to coach U5 however had to

move them up to U7 as we did not have enough parent volunteers. As always we do what we can to accommodate our coaches and we will try as best as we can to have them coach the U5 age group but without parent volunteers we cannot always do what we intend to do with our program. U9 and U11 teams had to share fields this year which enabled all to have access to nets. I feel the coaches worked together to move around as needed. The weather was a big issue for us this year and we had to cancel many practices due to the fields being saturated with water. However I feel that everyone made the most of our season and the kids had fun when they were able to have practices.

Thank you to all the coaches who stepped up to coach this year as we could not run our programs without you. We hope to see you back again next year.

Youth indoor: Ryan Christensen

Overall the indoor season was a success.

- Returning coaches for most of the youth teams and we also had some new coaches volunteer which is great to see.
- We had youth teams at U13, U15, U17 and U19 this season.
 - Our U13 girls joined our U13 boys for indoor and we fielded two co-ed teams for the season.
 - Our U17 boys team combined with the U17 Cold Lake boys.
 - Our U17 girls played on a Lakeland U17 team as did our U19 girls and U19 boys.
- We had our U15 boys and all 3 Lakeland teams represent St. Paul at indoor provincials this year.
- Overall from a youth coordinator perspective the 2026 outdoor soccer season was a success.
 - We had returning coaches in all youth ages groups this year. (Every coach had been at least an assistant coach or coach in our indoor or outdoor program at some point during the past few years)
 - As a board we were able to field St. Paul teams in all youth age groups, except for U19 and U19 boys.
 - In our U13 age group, both girls and boys were able to field two teams in each category. We also had two U15 boys teams.

- We again used our evaluation process to put together teams in each category that were as even as possible.
- We also put formal policies in place for player evaluation/team selections and player acceleration so they can be accessed by any parent, player, coach or anyone else looking for details on the process.
- Based on the games they played and their placements at Lakeland Cup, the teams were very evenly matched.
 - U13 Girls; Placed 2nd and 4th ; both girls teams made the semi finals and played for medals
 - U13 boys; placed 5th and 6th and played off for those positions in Vermilion
 - U15 boys; placed 1st and 2nd
 - The evaluation process works very well and we will continue to use it, while continuing to discuss and implement changes to make improvements if justified/required.
- We were also able to accommodate many (but not all) requests at moving players. Accommodations could of been to have players on the same team due to travel circumstances, move players up an age group in order to field a team in an age group or many other reasons.
 - These decisions are made by the board through thorough review of each request with the goal to do what is best for all of the St. Paul soccer teams and of course the individual player.
 - Having said that, not all requests are granted based on this same principle.
- We had a technical coach help all of our youth players/coaches this year. Bri Krekoski assisted at each practice (Mondays/Wednesdays), held additional sessions on Thursdays and was available for support in games and tournaments.
- The players thoroughly enjoyed our technical coach and the knowledge/skills that she passed along during her very well put together sessions.

Angele's VP Report

I am pleased to report that the 2026 soccer season was a successful and enjoyable one for our club.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of our coaches, volunteers, families, and players for their commitment throughout the season. Their dedication helped create a positive environment where our players could develop their skills, build friendships, and most importantly, have fun.

Overall, the season ran smoothly, and it was great to see so many players participating and enjoying the game. We had multiple teams in each age group from U5 to U15 and it was wonderful to see our fields busy and full on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the season.

One challenge we faced this year was the weather. Unfortunately, several practices had to be cancelled due to rain and field closures. While this was disappointing for our players and coaches, these decisions were necessary to protect our fields and were ultimately beyond the club's control.

Despite these challenges, the season remained a positive experience for our players and families. Our youth teams represented the club very well at Lakeland Cup, and I would like to recognize and thank our coaches for their dedication throughout the season. Their efforts played a significant role in the success and development of our athletes.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our President, Dora Robinson, for her tireless dedication and countless hours of volunteer service throughout the year. Her leadership, commitment, and passion for our club have played a significant role in making this season a success.

Dora has taken on many responsibilities this year, from helping fill the Grassroots Coordinator role, to coaching the U13 boys team, to answering countless questions from board members and soccer families alike—all while balancing the demands of raising four children. The amount of work she does behind the scenes often goes unnoticed, but it is deeply appreciated. Dora, thank you for everything you do for our club and our soccer community.

I would also like to thank our board members. I have seen firsthand the time, effort, and dedication that each of you contributes behind the scenes. Your willingness to step up, solve problems, and simply "get 'er done" is what keeps our club running. Soccer in our community would not be possible without your countless volunteer hours, and your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

As we look ahead, we are excited to host Provincials in St. Paul next weekend. This will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase our excellent facilities, our community, and the talent and sportsmanship of our players.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this another successful year.

Fields and Facilities 2025-2026- Joel Bernardin

This is my second season as facilities coordinator and the grass has never been greener.

During the indoor season we were using every available school gym on multiple days at multiple times every week.

For the 25-26 season I arranged for the purchase of 4 new U13 frames and 8 proper fitting nets. We had the U13 frames manufactured locally by Benoit Lagace and I located a

supplier from Marchants School Sports in Winnipeg for the nets. Both these contracts saved the SPSA thousands of dollars in purchase pricing and shipping. The locally made frames circular tubing ASA approved and are built with a heavier gauge aluminum then our older square tube frames.

Last year in a cost savings exercise, we started using zip-ties to hold the nets to the frames VS the 2\$ per Velcro ties. After a season we found that the zip ties do a great job

holding the nets to the frames, however, a learning point, the zip ties should be used after the

Velcro ties have been used to set the net in place. Velcro can be adjusted much easier than a one time use zip tie. Once the net is set in place properly the Velcro straps can be replaced by zip-ties. As we all know the weather for 2026 was less than ideal, we had a late start followed by historical rain fall x2. This reduced the amount of time the fields could be used but has blessed us with thick grass for the upcoming provincial tournament.

Look to 2027, expenses include proper fitting nets for U9 and U11. The Town of St Paul will not be covering the cost of the line paint moving forward. This is a projected expense of

\$7500 - \$8000 for 2027 (using this year's numbers that's roughly 25\$ per child) as well as any paint needed once we exhaust this year's supply.