

# SFDA District Association

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SFDA  
 Date: June 30, 2022  
 Location: Zoom Meeting

<b>Attendance:</b>	Bruce McCallum – Chair	Mohammed Irfan Rafiq	Terry Baird
	Shaheem Ali	Dave McEwan	Gurpreet Rana
	Plus 18 to vote		
<b>Excused/Absent</b>			
Recorder:	Sue Baxter		

Agenda Item	Discussion/resolution	Action Item
<b>Call To Order</b>	Meeting Called to order at 7:01 p.m. 20 in attendance at meeting.	
<b>Approval to Record Agenda</b>	Meeting will be recorded.	
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Approval of Annual General Meeting Minutes dated Jun 9, 2021 Terry Baird moved no discussion, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shaheem Ali. Poll launched. Results 100% acceptance 18 out of 18 voted  Approval of Special General Meeting minutes dated July 22, 2021 Moved Shaheem Ali, Gurpreet Rana 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Poll launched. Results 100% acceptance 18 out of 18 voted.	Approved 100%  Approved 100%
<b>Chair (Bruce McCallum) address</b>	Emerged from COVID Spring registrations were up and somewhat a return to normalcy. Congratulations to our member clubs on the number of teams sent to Provincials this year 16 teams in A cup and 9 teams to B Cup. Thank you to Past Directors those who have left and those not returning. These are all volunteers and these positions absorb a large amount of time and mind space. Satisfaction of ones efforts at the District Board are not that evident and can be elusive to your own self esteem. I acknowledge and thank them for their contributions to District and know they are returning to help with teams, players and clubs. In these venues the rewards are much clearer. I also want to thank current Directors that are still with us and those that are returning. I also want to acknowledge and welcome AKAL United with their name change. Also	



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some of you may have noticed that we are hiring on the website. This is a support/mentor position under Sue Baxter. SFDA sees a need to have someone in place to absorb the vast knowledge that Sue retains, helps us with and has that long history. Under registration this year we have held Zoom meetings with some of your new registrars to guide them on the Registration process. We had Power point presentation that was well received. We also hope to employ similar presentations to smooth out the process going forward. An idea of some of the Registration numbers

	Spring of 1 <sup>st</sup> year		Fall	Total 12 month period
	PRIOR TO MERGER		11766	11766
Spring 2018	5901	Fall 18-19	11591	17492
Spring 2019	6459	Fall 19-20	10753	17212
Spring 2020	3336	Fall 20-21	8491	11827
Spring 2021	7194	Fall 21-23	10890	18084
Spring 2022	8671	Fall 22-23	n/a	8671

There is a period of lapse but we are looking to climb in the coming year and moving forward.

Also, a very important event that is happening with out referees. We are losing them as you are aware. In your games you are losing your A/R's and/or referees. They are becoming very rare. COVID did play a factor but also the board feels that the appreciation of referees is not being shown. We hear from the referee ranks instances of young referees are being yelled at and seen leaving in tears. In some cases, we have had some threats and these young kids are never returning. Graph attached.

We are definitely in a referee decline, which is drastic from year 2018-22. I implore you as leaders in your clubs to look to improve the relations of your staff and parents on the field. The majority of these are young kids and if you look at the small sided numbers, they are all but gone. This is what we are seeing right now. They do make mistakes these young referees and all these consequences are going to come home to roost if we don't change and it starts with appreciation of these people that take massive responsibility of refereeing your games.



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This year saw a special general meeting held by BCSA. This was prompted by Canada Soccer looking to have its members, BC Soccer being one of them, adjust their voting structure to be more evenly adjusted to membership numbers. Prior to the Special General meeting BC Soccer reached out to the Districts for nominations to form a focus group to study and suggest proposals to put forth to the BC Soccer Members. Simply put a member with 2500 players would get one vote and each 2500 afterwards would get another vote. This would put the youth Districts at a majority within the BC Soccer Membership. A special General Meeting was called on June 1<sup>st</sup> with a motion to alter the BC Soccer voting structure and was defeated. In closing we are expecting a boost in registrations for this coming fall. Also we will be seeing the Men's soccer team participating in group F at the world cup this year. Morocco, Croatia and Belgium beware! We are also going to be hosting the World Cup in 2026. I am hoping to get tickets to see games. I think with a lot of this activity you will see Soccer growing in our District.

Questions: Ali SUSC President. We have been really good as a District over last couple of years in making sure that messages to the members being the Districts get to the Clubs and have been really proactive, which I really appreciate with you as chair coming in and making sure we do before AGM's at BC Soccer making sure we are all consulted and that we all have an opportunity to have a discussion around and direct the votes that SFDA have, being the largest District in the Province. I know that we put forward someone who didn't stand up on the "Consultation Phase" I think it would be excellent if we, as a District, made a conscious effort to make sure that as groups in the District and Clubs in the District that we get together to discuss not just the AGM's but anything of this nature and the Special General Meetings moving forward. I can say that the clubs that the largest clubs in the province are having a meeting tonight as we feel that we haven't been consulted at all. So the members and those on the call tonight should take some comfort in the fact that no one is sitting around being idle Districts, Clubs or otherwise, and there is a lot going on in the background to make sure that things like the big games that are coming to Vancouver and that the growth of the game continues and the health of the game continues. So I really encourage us as a District to learn from BC Soccer here and take action in collaborating further. I think we have done an awesome job and I would love to see that moving forward. Bruce agrees and this Special General Meeting did come out and I discussed with a few and maybe I should have reached out and had a forum for this. I was hoping that we would get a representation on the focus group



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	<p>from our District but we were shut out. I did make that displeasure known in a phone call to BC Soccer and I did get a spin answer back. Lots of lessons to be learnt. I had a phone call with Jason yesterday just to talk a little bit about any foreshadowing or anything that they know of that is coming from Canada Soccer and they have been in conversations and Canada Soccer is looking to do something – they haven't decided what. They are very cognizant of the fact that anything they do will turn into a public relations nightmare for them. So they definitely do not want to shut down soccer any of these cup play or anything going on. I think and hope that they have considerations for kids on the field and parents, as they will not understand what is going on and the politics of the situation. Am hoping to get some feedback and bits and bites. BC Soccer does share – Jason will tell me stuff that he can and stuff that I do hear I will share with our members for sure. It hasn't disappeared from my radar I will keep everybody updated on any of the new events or communications that I hear.</p> <p>No other questions.</p>	
<p><b>Finance report</b></p>	<p>Shared Audited financial statements. This is also shared on the website. Financial position. As of march 31 we have \$174,879.00 last year we were a little less. We have less Accounts receivable this year. Currently all collected. This is due to the timing of the final upload and the final billing in the month of March.</p> <p>Accounts payable are accruals. \$6700. Is to do with Audit and then the Deposits received are what is owed eventually back to the club. \$1000 is for bond for team issue and \$5000.00 will be going back to AKAL (Pacific United) as their bond to be in good standing on admission to the district.</p> <p>Statement of Revenue and Expenditures. Direct membership fees – these are the three submissions which go to levies. BC Soccer gave a Pandemic Rebate of \$56,931.00 Expenses.</p> <p>BCSA registration fees - are the fees for the number of players uploaded from October to February.</p> <p>District Awards and Scholarships - are the Payment for Scholarships for Graduating students – these are selected by BCSA \$2500.00 for female athlete and \$2500.00 for Male athlete</p> <p>District medals and cup play - this covers any medals or cup play and provincial travels.</p>	



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	<p>District Registrar - is the payments for Sue and Joan and any other helpers as we get them.          League affiliation fees - are the fees paid to BCCSL for scheduling etc.          Office - covers miscellaneous expenses and mail box. Etc          Professional fees - is the accounting bill. This is the audit amount.          Web and Communications – Basically website and zoom applications.</p> <p>We have a surplus of \$77, 507.00          Gurpreet Rana moved to Accept Financial Statements 2<sup>nd</sup> Terry Baird Poll launched. Results 18 accepted 100%</p> <p>Budget from April 1 to March 31, 2023 – these are available on the website.          Budget we will have Revenue of \$472,460 for Registration which is anticipated at 11,445 players. We started the district with \$50.00 per player rate. Last year 2021-2022 we collected \$40.00 per player this year we are collecting \$37.00 per player.          We will rebate \$98,891.00. Over this next year.          BC Soccer will charge two-tiered rate which is 21/34          District Awards are \$2500.00 one to Female and one Male player          District medals and Prov Cup Play. \$10,000.00          Registrars as there will be 3 increased to \$60,000.00          League affiliation fees are for BCCSL and SFDA leagues          Office is a little higher for Mail box and miscellaneous expenses.          Professional fees is for the audit.          Web and communications will be for the Website zoom and AGM and other media..          We now have a balanced budget.          Bruce thanked Shaheem. Shaheem stated that he would be happy to share any details with any one interested.          Moved to accept the Budget by Ali Wilkinson, Trevor Haring 2<sup>nd</sup> Poll Launched. 17 out of 17 100% approved.</p>	<p>APPROVED</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
<p><b>BYLAW AMENDMENT #1</b></p>	<p>Article 4 Board of Directors to remove duplication of the Article          Moved by Shaheem. Irfan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Launched Poll. 100% approved</p>	<p>APPROVED</p>
<p><b>ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS</b></p>	<p>3 positions for 3 year Ternn. Incumbents Dave McEwan and Gurpreet Rana and new member Tarwinder Boyal – welcome. There are two more positions open which we will be looking to fill. There will be Bruce and other people from</p>	



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	the board looking out to clubs for people interested in volunteering. There are two two year terms left to be served. Dave Gurpreet and Tarwinder. Motion to accept these people to the Board. Moved by Trevor Haring and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Terry Baird. Launching poll 18 out of 18 100% accepted	ALL APPROVED
<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	No questions. Congratulate Shaheem for great budget and for cutting fees by \$3.00 per player thank you. Shows great management and commend him for that.	
<b>ADJOURN</b>	Motion to Adjourn: 7:45 pm Ali Wilkinson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dave McEwan Poll launched – One reject 17 approved.	APPROVED

