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## **Annual General Meeting Minutes September 14, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. at the Shakopee Jr. High School auditorium by Mark Teslow.

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

Mark Teslow welcomed the members present and introduced the current Shakopee Soccer Association Board. Dan Kubitz was not in attendance.

**2. Open Board Positions:**

Mark reviewed opened board positions. Tom Bailey – term expired, Dan Meehan – term expired, Tom Temple – term expired, Mark Teslow – term expired, Cheryl Besser – resigned, 2 years remaining and Mickey Willard – resigned, 1 year remaining.

**3. Voting:**

We have 6 open positions on the Board of Directors. Nominations were closed on August 31, 2008. Nominees are: Tom Bailey, Dan Meehan, Tom Temple and Mark Teslow  
Mark reviewed Robert's Rules of Order, along with Shakopee Soccer Association Bylaws and Handbook...because the number of nominees does not exceed the number of opened position, the chair may declare the nominees elected, which is referred to as election by "acclamation".  
Mark declared the following nominees elected to the Board of Director.  
Tom Bailey – 3 year term  
Dan Meehan – 3 year term  
Tom Temple – 3 year term  
Mark Teslow – 3 year term

**4. President's Report:**

Mark reviewed continued growth in participants and teams. We meet our goal with 21 teams this year. This compares to 18 teams in 2007, 14 teams in 2006 and 11 teams in 2005. We had 9 teams play at Level C2. This compares to 4 teams in 2007 and 1 team in 2006. The U15 C3 Girls were State Camps. Four other teams advanced to state this year. U17 Boys finished first in their league. We had 300 players in the travel program. This was an increase of 48 players from last year.

We introduced Spring Recreational Soccer in April. We had over 300 kids from ages 5 - 12 years old. Jon Poppen provided training one day and games were played on the other day supervised by the parents. We saw a 25% increase in our Fall Recreational program. We have 117 participants from ages 8 – 12 years old. We added end of the season tournament for Fall Rec. Our goal is to combine SSA recreational program with the city's Micro Soccer program.

Kicks Camps was held the second week in June. Jon Poppen and Mike Ceola provided the training. We have been successful at Micro & Kickers level and we are looking for ways to build interest at Kickers 2 level.

We hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shakopee Festival. Once again we had a great turn out. This is a great preseason tournament before the season gets started. We saw continued growth with 74 teams participating in the one day format. We added U13 and U14 Boys and Girls to festival. We hosted the U13 and U19 Boys District Tournament. This is a fundraiser for the club as we retain the registration fees. 23 teams participated with 19 games. Saw some very competitive games with a couple ending in a shootout. Mark thanked all of our sponsors and volunteers.



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This was our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year holding tryouts. The Director of Coaching along with club and independent evaluators evaluate the players. We do this because of non-biased evaluation of players and place players at the correct level. Tryouts are held the first week in August because of the Minnesota State high school League rules. Tryouts in August are consistent with other surrounding clubs.

This year we held winter training at Soccer Blast. We had approximately 125 kids participate. Jon Poppen and company provided the training. This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> year providing strength and conditioning training provided by Dave Hauger with Discover Strength Inc. Dave worked with our U11 through U19 players. We continued to reimburse fees for coaches that received certificates. Jon would like all of our coaches to obtain the "E" Certificate. We held three referee certification classes, Grade 9, Grade 8 and referee recertification. Our referee pay is competitive which allows us to have more experienced referees. We provided on the field training during scrimmages for new referees. We used 76 MYSA Certified Referees to fill 509 ref jobs in the 2008 season.

Mark thanked those who volunteered this year. We can't do this without your support. We had around 514 families this year in SSA and approximately 125 volunteers.

We will be ordering new Adidas uniforms for 2009. Uniforms will consist of 2 jerseys, shorts and 2 pairs of socks. We continued to purchase high quality equipment, soccer balls, ball bags, Pugg Goals, first aid kits, etc. We purchased 4 new sets of rec goals (6'x4') and 1 set of U9 & U10 goals (12'x6').

New this year was the concession stand. This brought new challenges and fundraising opportunities. Karen Bohn and her family spent countless hours setting up the concession stand and maintaining the concession stand throughout the season. We appreciated her hard work and dedication. Karen will no longer be able to assist with the concession stand due to personal commitments. We are looking for someone or group of people to step into this position. Thanks for your hard work Karen!!

We continue to be the best price in town for traveling soccer. Fees for next year will remain the same as this past year, \$170 U9-U10, \$200 U11-U19. The city is still waiting to take complete ownership of the building. The contractor still needs to submit the necessary forms and warranties to close out the project. In the spring of 2009 the city will be installing a fence along 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. on Fields 1 and 2.

We will be offering winter training once again at Soccer Blast. Indoor dome time has been reserved for Monday evenings. Training will begin mid January and run for 10 weeks. We will be re-instating the volunteer fee next year. The fee will be \$100 per family. The money will be returned if a family member completes 6 hours of volunteer time. We have many volunteer opportunities including Shakopee Festival, District Tournament, concession stand and many more.

**5. Director of Coaching Report:**

The year started out in January with a 10 week long winter training program at Soccer Blast. Jon was overwhelmed by the interest. He wants to continue to provide and offer quality training for our players. Jon will continue to encourage coaches to get licensed. He is very excited and happy to work with our players. In the future he hopes to relocate to Shakopee and be more connected with community.

Jon attended The United States Soccer Federation National Y License in June. It's a youth license geared towards player's ages six to twelve. The week long course focused on a U6, U8, U10, and U12 player's cognitive, psychosocial, and psychomotor development and how they



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related to soccer instruction. He is very excited to build our program and it start at the recreational level. Jon will continue to provide training for Spring Rec. and provided lesson plans for Fall Rec.

**7. Treasurer's report**

Mike Poole reviewed financial numbers for the year. We purchased QuickBooks Accounting Software to help manage our books.

- +\$136,000 receipts
- +\$108,000 expenses
- +\$ 28,000 remaining balance

**8. Questions & Answers**

Mike Blair thanked the board for a good job getting the association going. He appreciates Jon's hard work.

*What is the process to find coaches?*

Jon Poppen responded – It's a work in progress. We are looking at different options. Other clubs around the area are paying their coaches. What is an average cost for a coach? It depends on the qualifications but any where from \$500 - \$3,000. We will need to work on this in the future and see how we can work it into the program. Jon would like to find people in our community that would be willing to coach. It's difficult for these coaches to commit a year advanced if they don't have any connection to the program.

*How often do you see a coach stick with a team?*

Jon Poppen responded - It would be difficult to see a coaching change every year. Jon personally likes the ODP format. In this format a coach would coach a team for 2 years. Kids would get different views / perspective on the game. Jon would like to see this happen if there are enough coaches. Currently most of our coaches are volunteers and have kids in the program. Jon would like to start paying coaches at the older age groups in 2010.

*Would it be more beneficial to start paying coaches at the younger age?*

Jon Poppen responded – It's a good idea but we currently have a hard time finding coaches for the older age groups. We have been able to find parents in the younger age group with some soccer experience to coach. Jon spends most of him time working with the younger age groups, U9-U12. This gives Jon an opportunity to work with kids and see their development. Jon will continue to do this until we get too big. At that we may need to look at different options.

Current Board Members and remaining terms:

Michele Monroe - 1 year	Steve Curren - 2 years	Tom Bailey - 3 years
Mike Poole - 1 year	Dan Kubitz - 2 years	Dan Meehan - 3 years
Darla Teslow - 1 year	Open - 2 years	Tom Temple - 3 years
Open - 1 year		Mark Teslow - 3 years

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Tom Bailey  
Project Director