

**SWANSBORO SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIRTUAL/ REGULAR - MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2025**

**SSA Complex
1202 Hammocks Beach Road**

Present Amanda Gilmour, Morgan Messina, Stephanie Kutz, Dusty Becker, Ethan Johnson,
In Person: Rodney McQuoid, Brian Palmer, Andrew Miller
Virtually April Tanner, Kellie Baggio
Present:

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Morgan Messina at 7:00PM.

Welcome and Introductions:

Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions.

Public Comment:

None.

Discussion Items:

Combining of Academy and Classic Directors:

Dusty discussed the potential of serving as Director of Competition, overseeing both the Academy and Classic programs. It was noted that the Classic teams are largely self-managed, while the Academy side requires more involvement; however, covering both areas would not be an excessive workload. Lauren has expressed interest in serving as Registrar. Kellie's focus remains primarily on the recreation program, which would result in the need for a Director of Competition dedicated to the competitive side. Andrew has also expressed interest in coaching.

Clubhouse Items:

Rodney proposed converting the adult league room into a dedicated space for directors; however, roof repairs would be required first. Amanda requested that a quote be obtained for the roof repairs so the Board can vote on how to proceed. Brian expressed interest in bringing the adult league back under SSA, noting they are currently using the municipal park, though the general consensus was that the adult league does not wish to return. Amanda emphasized the importance of maintaining the adult league as a

separate entity, including having its own tax ID, branding, logo, and insurance. Morgan confirmed that the adult league does have its own tax ID. Amanda also noted that SSA is only required to file taxes once every three years. Additional action items included cleaning out the filing cabinet, which is currently filled with outdated materials, and securing higher-value practice equipment.

League Changes:

April reported that she has been in discussions with Justin and has spoken with several clubs, including the Falcons, Havelock, Bogue Banks, JASA, and SSA, regarding league options. MLS Go was discussed, but there are currently no MLS Go teams in the area unless SSA were to operate an in-house program, which April advised would not be worthwhile. Havelock currently operates in-house leagues for U12 and below, with only U14 and U16 teams participating in ECSA.

April noted that Bogue Banks, Falcons, JASA, and SSA could collaborate on an in-house league for the spring season, as not all teams are required to participate in ECSA. JASA currently runs in-house leagues for U9 and U10. There are approximately 9–10 U12-aged teams across SSA, JASA, Falcons, and Bogue Banks that could potentially participate in an in-house league rather than registering with ECSA. SSA has three U12 teams, JASA has nine, the Falcons have three, and Havelock has five U12 teams.

All participating teams are registered with NCYSA and therefore carry their own state-level insurance, consistent with SSA's coverage. Key ECSA deadlines were reviewed: team worksheets are due January 22, fees are due January 30, and red-stamped rosters are due February 13.

Amanda asked for April's recommendation. April recommended keeping U12 and U14 teams in ECSA for the spring season due to stronger competition, while maintaining U9 and U10 teams in-house and keeping U19 teams in-house as done in the previous fall season. She also suggested coordinating with other clubs to schedule games in advance and managing referee scheduling independently at home fields. A vote on this proposal will take place at the January meeting.

Clinic Days:

January 17 was discussed as a Saturday clinic day, with Micros scheduled in the morning and U12, U14, U16, and U19 sessions held in the afternoon from 1:00–5:00 PM. High school coaches, along with Laura, Rodney, Kellie, and April, will be in attendance. The clinic will be free and open to anyone who would like to come out and participate, with the intent to open the event to the broader community.

Grass Roots Courses:

It was discussed that January dates could be offered, though there may be challenges in securing participation. Bill expressed interest in setting dates soon. The Board discussed sending a survey to coaches to identify which courses they are interested in, or alternatively, proposing dates that work and scheduling accordingly. Options for virtual and in-person sessions were also discussed, including whether they should be scheduled back-to-back or alternated monthly between online and in-person formats.

Report from VP – January meeting is the cut off for nominations; post on Facebook for elections.

Report from Commissioner – No additional news to report.

Report from Treasurer – Brief update on financial status; Amanda has proposal for lawn care; January will have financial report ready

Report from Secretary – No news to report.

Report from Program Directors –

- a. Ethan (Micro) – Not Present.
- b. April (Recreation) – It was agreed that an email will be sent to recreation soccer participants and the information will be reposted on Facebook. The Facebook post will be boosted after the holidays to increase visibility. The clinic will be offered free of charge to all members. An additional email blast will also be sent after the holidays to further promote the clinic.
- c. Dusty(Academy) – Nothing additional to add.
- d. Lauren(Classic) – Not Present.
- e. Kellie(DOC) – Nothing additional to add.
- f. Brian (Sponsorship) - Money is flowing in but not much else to add right now.

Questions/Closing – It was noted that ECSA is requiring all goals to be properly anchored and has indicated that sandbags are not permitted. Morgan will contact NCYSA via email to seek clarification on acceptable anchoring methods.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.