

**SWANSBORO SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
VIRTUAL/ REGULAR - MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2026**

**SSA Complex
1202 Hammocks Beach Road**

Present Amanda Gilmour, Stephanie Kutz, Ethan Johnson, Rodney McQuoid, Brian Palmer,
In Person: April Tanner, Kellie Baggio and Laura Anderson
Virtually Morgan Messina, and Courtney Quinn
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.

Action Items:

November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved and seconded by Morgan Messina and Amanda Gilmour.

December 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved and seconded by Morgan Messina and Amanda Gilmour.

Roof Repairs

The request for roofing repairs were unanimously approved.

Lawn Care Contract

Amanda Gilmour presented the proposed lawn care contract. It was noted that the vendor is associated with the company Rodney works for; however, no conflict of interest exists. A hard copy of the contract will be provided for records. The contract is expected to result in an approximate cost savings of \$5,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

League Changes

April Tanner discussed potential league changes. The board agreed to reconsider the

proposed changes for the fall season and to continue conversations with JASA regarding the possibility of operating an in-house league for the fall, as well as the option of traveling to Swansboro for games.

Discussion Items:

Goal Anchors

Morgan Messina led a discussion regarding goal anchors. It was agreed that the organization will continue utilizing sandbags in accordance with NCYSA guidance. A response will be sent to ECSA confirming this decision. It was noted that ECSA bylaws do not include specific requirements or specifications for goal anchors. Staff reached out to NCYSA and confirmed that sandbags are an acceptable anchoring method. Brian recommended using two sandbags for Fields 1, 2, and 4. ECSA will have referees check anchors and sandbags moving forward.

Grassroots Courses

Kellie Baggio shared that a survey will be distributed to coaches to determine availability and interest for upcoming Grassroots courses.

U8 Playing Structure

Ethan Johnson discussed the U8 playing structure. It was agreed to maintain the current structure for Spring 2026, with a transition to a 5v5 format planned for the fall season.

Report from VP – Morgan Messina reported that a draft of the DOC bylaw amendment has been completed and will be presented at the February 3 meeting for approval. Rodney's nomination has been received. Stephanie indicated she will be submitting a nomination, and Brian officially nominated Stephanie. Amanda confirmed she is accepting the nomination for President, and Brian confirmed he is willing to serve as Interim Treasurer should Amanda assume the President role.

Report from Commissioner – Rodney McQuoid reported on several facilities and operational items. Tree removal was discussed as a way to open up additional parking, with Jason offering assistance. Amanda expressed a preference to complete the deck project first and defer tree removal to a summer project, noting that the deck must be completed before the permit expires in the spring.

Rodney also shared that there has been difficulty achieving sufficient water pressure for hot water; plumbing will return the following day to continue addressing the issue. He will also inspect the field lights, as the issue may be related to fuel or a battery problem.

A broken town park goal was discussed. Rodney did not observe it personally, but Laura and Brian noted that it is located in the far corner of the woods.

Amanda requested a spring practice schedule, with April noting that Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are the preferred days. It was suggested that updates be added to the calendar and/or shared on the website, potentially with photos.

Report from Treasurer – Amanda Gilmour reported that there was nothing additional to add at this time. Current balances include approximately \$12,000 in the Marine Federal account and \$2,500 in the First Citizens account. Allotments will be moved for the Classic Academy, and the Marine Federal account will be shut down.

Report from Secretary – Stephanie Kutz reported that the Facebook post for Recreation and Micros registration will be extended through January 18. Additional information is needed from Ethan.

Report from Program Directors –

- a. Ethan (Micro) – Ethan Johnson reported that registrations are currently about halfway to goal. Extending the registration period may help increase participation.
- b. April Tanner expressed interest in speaking with someone about liability insurance coverage for directors and board members, noting concerns about a lack of backup coverage if NCYSA does not address an issue. Brandon's company is able to provide multiple insurance quotes.
- c. Dusty(Academy) – Not Present
- d. Lauren(Classic) – Not Present.
- e. Kellie(DOC) – Nothing additional to add.
- f. Brian (Sponsorship) - Brian Palmer shared that he has asked the billboard vendor to extend the current campaign. He also noted ongoing Monday cleanings, which include two Facebook posts and placing a sign in the bathroom. A list of sponsors is needed. Amanda added that planning for Fall 2026 uniforms should begin, with a more in-depth discussion planned for March.
- g. Amanda Gilmour reported that Classic programming began this week and Academy programming begins next week. Academy home weekends are scheduled for March 14 and March 28.

Questions/Closing – Morgan Messina proposed funding hotel accommodations for April to attend the AGM on behalf of SSA, with the expectation that April will provide a report following the meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.