

Wyoming and District Soccer Club (WDSC)

2024 Annual General Report

Presented on Thursday, November 27, 2024

2024 WDSC Executive:

President	Alyssa Soetemans
Vice President	Christine Joosten
Treasurer	Christine Joosten
Secretary	Valerie Riess
Registrar	Chelsea Weed
Facilities Director	Sarah Watson
Equipment Director	Sarah Watson & Michelle Groening
Sponsorship Director	Christina Jacklin
Media Director	Christina Jacklin
Referee Coordinator	Michelle Groening
Volunteer Coordinator	Chelsea Weed

Vice President's Report

The 2024 season was another successful year for the WDSC. To gauge interest in the league, emails were sent to previous participants, resulting in a good response. However, registration numbers were slightly lower than in 2023.

Parents continue to provide positive feedback, appreciating the league's focus on fun and non-competitive play.

A significant milestone this year was the club's incorporation as a not-for-profit organization on April 19, 2024. This incorporation enhances legal protection for board members but introduces additional administrative responsibilities.

Registrar’s Report:

In 2024 the club continued with a fully online registration using Sports Engine. The total number of players registered was 202 which was down from 2023 registration.

Year	U4	U6	U8	U10	U12/14	Total
2024	30	62	69	21	20	202
2023	32	80	64	27	23	226
2022	40	73	64	23	26	226
2021*						171
2020*	32	64	35	29	15	175
2019	40	43	50	34	16 (+3)	183
2018	21	58	37	20	17	153

(*2020 season cancelled after registration due to COVID. 2021 had a pre-registration to gauge interest but the season was cancelled before registration.)

Treasurer’s Report

As of October 31, 2024, the club achieved a net gain of \$3,044.10, down from the \$8,280.66 gain in 2023.

Donations:

- \$150: Town of Plympton-Wyoming
- \$250: Wyoming Lions Club
- \$200: Ladies Legion Auxiliary
- \$1,000: Tractor Pull Committee

Key Financial Updates:

- Lower registration income and fewer volunteer deposits collected.
- Significant expenses: insurance, field maintenance, referee fees, storage rental, photos, and medals.
- Additional cost: \$1,027 for incorporation and new jerseys for U10 and U12 teams: \$1,582.

Sponsorship Co-ordinator's Report:

The club received major support from **Tim Hortons**, which generously donated 200 jerseys and balls. The local business community remains vital to the league's success, and we are optimistic about continued support in 2025.

Businesses interested in sponsoring are encouraged to contact the Sponsorship Coordinator.

Equipment Co-ordinator's Report:

New jerseys were purchased for the U10 and U12/14 teams in 2024. The equipment storage unit was inspected in October and found to be in good condition. If registration numbers rise, additional nets may be required.

Facilities Co-ordinator Report:

The position of Facilities Co-ordinator is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds, and co-ordinating with The Wyoming Fair Board for the upkeep of their land. WDSC lease the grounds during the spring and summer. The lease agreement with The Wyoming Fair Board includes WDSC providing volunteers at their fair gates in the fall, in lieu of the use of their land. WDSC pays \$1,000 towards the Town of Plympton-Wyoming parks board for grass cutting fees. In September 2024, two executive members attended a Parks & Recreation committee meeting. At the meeting they requested the Town reconsider whether the Club should have to continue to pay the grass cutting fee to the Town. The Town will deliberate this at the 2025 budget meeting.

Brian Burdett painted/outlined the lines for the 2024 season. Kaleb and Dave Groening painted the fields for the remainder of the season. This season there were four mini-fields in John's Hills for U4 and U6 and two fields in the back and one field in the front.

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report:

In 2024, the club cashed seven volunteer deposits for families unable to fulfill their duties. Communication has improved with a designated Fair Board contact.

Volunteers are essential to the success of youth sports, and the club continues to seek ways to encourage parents to take on coaching roles. This year, coaches were required to complete a Vulnerable Sector Check, adding to the administrative workload but necessary for insurance purposes.

Referee Co-ordinator's Report:

Recruiting and retaining referees remains a challenge. In 2024, scheduling conflicts were resolved with support from referees trained at other levels. Increasing access to local training opportunities for referees would be beneficial moving forward.

Summary

This report reflects a year of growth, challenges, and achievements. Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and families who contribute to the success of the Wyoming and District Soccer Club.