



Meeting Minutes: December 2020

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC ALLIANCE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2020 – 7:00 PM – Virtual Meeting

Present via Zoom (15 of 15): Alex Eagleton, Ben Slager, Cameron Collins, Carmen Hall, Daniel Roe, Darla Langdon, Duane Nakamura, Jerry Neil, Kelsey Gallo, Lisa Angeles, Nicholaus Biela, Richard Oliver, Scott Chupack, Stephanie Steiner, Tim Hamilton

Via telephone (0):

Absent (0):

I. Call to order – Cameron Collins

II. Roll call – Nicholaus Biela: 15 of 15 present

III. Adoption of November Meeting Minutes

IV. Introduction of New Members to Alliance Council

Scott Chupack and Tim Hamilton told us a bit about themselves, why they joined the Alliance Council, and gave background on how they became Sounders fans.

V. 2021 Business Year Executive Committee Elections

ELECTION COMMITTEE:

Scott Chupack nominated himself to serve as the election committee to tally votes for the elections.

PRESIDENT:

Cameron Collins nominated himself to be President. He becomes President by declaration, as he was unopposed.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Carmen Hall nominated herself to be Vice President. She becomes Vice President by declaration, as she was unopposed.

SECRETARY:

Nicholaus Biela nominated himself to be Secretary. He becomes Secretary by declaration, as he was unopposed.

AT LARGE POSITION (SOCIAL MEDIA):

Jerry Neil, and Ben Slager nominated themselves for this At Large Position. Each gave a statement on their own behalf highlighting their qualifications, and took questions from Council Members. At the conclusion of the question-and-answer period a vote was conducted. Ben Slager was elected to At Large Position (Social Media).

AT LARGE POSITION (OUTREACH):

Jerry Neil, and Duane Nakamura nominated themselves for this At Large Position. Each gave a statement highlighting their qualifications, and took questions from Council Members. At the conclusion of the question-and-answer period a vote was conducted. Duane Nakamura was elected to At Large Position (Outreach).

VI. 2021 Council Workgroups/Channels

Cameron brought forth 2021 workgroups which need leadership from members of the Alliance Council. This year, workgroups will comprise of the following;

Alliance Business Meeting – Collaborating with the Front Office to plan, schedule, and execute the ABM. Duane Nakamura recapped the 2020 process, and will lead the 2021 workgroup.

Away Travel – The last few years, Alliance Council members have organized a group for an away game. Alex Eagleton and Daniel Roe recapped the 2020 plans, ultimately canceled due to COVID, and will lead the 2021 workgroup.

Concessions – A workgroup related to stadium concessions, food trucks on gamedays, etc. Jerry Neil and Alex Eagleton recapped the 2020 season, and will lead this group in 2021.

Hall of Fame – This workgroup is for creating a Hall of Fame for the club, with the goal for a permanent location. With the 50th Anniversary forthcoming, we will renew efforts to move forward with this workgroup. It will start with the Executive Committee to begin.

Jerseys – To discuss the 2022 Home jersey. Stephanie Steiner and Jerry Neil will be the leaders of the workgroup in 2021.

Outreach – Recruiting and onboarding new members, being more visible on matchdays, gaining more awareness about what the Alliance Council does. This workgroup will be led by Duane Nakamura as part of his At Large Position on the Executive Committee.

Alliance Scarf Vote – This workgroup is for the annual Scarf Vote which selects the scarf that is included with every season ticket package. Nicholaus Biela gave a recap on the 2020 process, and will lead the committee in 2021.

Social Media – Primarily responsible for the content of our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. This workgroup will be led by Ben Slager as part of his At Large Position on the Executive Committee.

Watch Parties – New in 2020, we expect these to continue until such time that fans can safely return to watch games in person. Cameron Collins, Carmen Hall, and Ben Slager recapped the 2020 season, and will lead the workgroup in 2021.

Website – We are rebuilding our Alliance Council website. This workgroup will be led by Kelsey Gallo.

Current Slack channels related to workgroups will be renamed/archived for the new year. Alliance Council members who wish to join any of these groups can do so through the respective Slack channel.

After recapping the existing workgroups, the Council brainstormed new group ideas and came up with the following potential additions for 2021.

Alliance Council Podcast – Nicholaus Biela suggested creating a podcast led by Alliance Council members. Cameron Collins and Jerry Neil volunteered to join Nicholaus in leading this workgroup.

Social Justice – The Council was unsure at this time if this should be a new workgroup, or if it falls under existing channels/volunteer opportunities.

Potlucks - Getting to know each other on Alliance Council with pre-meeting potlucks.

Return to Gameday – A workgroup to guide Alliance members upon a return to in-stadium experiences.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Council votes unanimously to adjourn. The meeting closed at 9:03pm.