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To all of our current families,

My name is Whitney Stevens, I am the current Secretary for BSA and I am running for the position of President of the Beaumont Soccer Association.

I want to say thank you to Martin Carnegie who has been our fearless leader for over 6 years. His decision to step down as president will be felt by us all but he has agreed to stay on the board as Past President and will continue to coach as well.

I am currently a police officer working daytime shift work which allows me to be available in the evenings for my family as well as provides me with time to commit to my volunteer role as President.

Prior to becoming a police officer, I was the Executive Director of Canada Place Childcare. This childcare was a non-profit, run by a volunteer parent board. I worked closely with them and know firsthand how hard it is to be a volunteer especially one that commits to a board position. I have experience with AGLC, Bookkeeping, records management as well as a 10 year background in Child Development. I also know when to lean on experience to help us make decisions.

During the last two years with BSA I have served on the Executive board as Secretary. I have been responsible for attending monthly meetings, organizing additional meetings to complete projects and meet deadlines, and dealt with conflict within the Board and the community. This role has given me a front seat to how important it is to know our policies, connect with our board members and comply with our bylaws and "Roberts rules of order".

During my time on the board, I have coached the U5 and the U7 program and I have been the U7 director for the past two years. I created the Strategic Plan 2023-2026, which captured all the boards members ideas and goals and put them in one place. This document has served as our guiding tool for decision making and helps keep us on track during meetings. I pushed forward our new brand, ensuring that we have an updated logo and marketing tools to bring consistency and professionalism to our program. I began cataloguing our policies and ensuring that we are maintaining them and updating them on a regular basis. I was involved in selecting our new Program Administrator and have created Job Descriptions for the key roles on the board to help future volunteers know more about the positions they are volunteering for. Lastly, I have cultivated relationships with other user groups in the community that serve the same families, to improve our methods and share ideas on how we can improve our programs.

I have seen how much volunteers can accomplish when they are passionate about their cause, and we have a great group of volunteers with Beaumont Soccer Association. We are also a part of a great community that welcomes our ideas and supports our players.

If I am voted as President, my goals are:

- To work with our Treasurer to ensure a strong financial plan to keep the program going for many years in the future
- Continue to tidy up our policies and expand knowledge among the board about best practices
- Work with the community to expand our reach with registrations and volunteers

Please come out to our AGM on April 21, 2024 at 6:00pm located at the Beaumont Sport and Recreation Center, Room 215 to cast your vote for the new President.

Sincerely,

Whitney Stevens Secretary, BSA