

## 2021 Annual General Meeting Slate of Candidates

*Please find below the Slate of Candidates which will each receive one-minute to introduce themselves to our membership during the Annual General Meeting prior to voting.*

### **CURRENT LSC BOARD MEMBERS APPLYING FOR RE-ELECTION**

#### **Steve Dudas**

Steven is grateful for 28 years of employment in soccer in Alberta. Born and raised a Lethbridge boy, he did 2 tours of duty with the Lethbridge Soccer Association first as a Program Director, then as General Manager. He worked a brief six years in-between the Lethbridge tours as General Manager for the Red Deer City Soccer Association where he gained some invaluable education and experience. Soccer was not only his profession but his passion, playing as a youth competitively then on to the college and adult elite levels for a few years. When the serious soccer was winding down he started to coach youth competitive and Lethbridge College for 6 years, then continuing with his own kids teams when they arrived.

Currently, Steven is a free agent, looking for work, as his current job finishes up as Games Manager for the cancelled Alberta Summer Games. The Games were looking good until the world of Covid had other plans.

Steven is married to Brenda celebrating their 28th Wedding anniversary this year...Good for Brenda!!! Steven also has 2 boys, Ty 19 and Blake 16 and very thankful they have Brenda's good looks and smarts.

Even though Steven's passion is soccer, he is a sports fan first and foremost. The Lethbridge Sport Council offers an opportunity to continue being aware of what's happening in the Lethbridge sports scene as well continue to be in contact with the many great sporting people in Lethbridge.

#### **Robert Baird**

Robert is currently with the EnerLink Corporation and the Lethbridge Squash Association. At EnerLink he is the national sales manager responsible for client relations, project management, and business development across Canada. He is the President of the Lethbridge Squash Association and is responsible for the development of the sport Squash in Lethbridge in all aspects of junior programs, leagues, and their annual pro/am annual tournament.

Robert has a Business Administration Diploma from Lethbridge College (2000-2002) and graduated from the Canadian Professional Sales Association with distinction as a Certified Sales Professional (CSP) in July 2016.

Robert likes to volunteer his time to mentor and assist other sales professionals, he plays Squash locally and provincially, and he enjoys single-track bike riding in the heart of Lethbridge's coulees.

## **NEW APPLICANTS**

*To get to know the new applicants each was asked to answer three questions and provide us with a brief bio.*

1. Why do you want to be involved with the LSC Board of Directors?
2. What do you hope to achieve by your involvement?
3. What do you hope to contribute to the Lethbridge Sport Council?

### **Knud Petersen**

My reason for declaring my candidacy is that I like sports and think it's an important part of our fabric both individually and as a community. My focus would be to get even more sports organizations more involved with LSC for the mutual benefit of all. Knowing a fair amount of people around town, my hope is that I could help build on what LSC has already achieved.

### **Bio**

Knud Petersen has spent more than 40 years as a tireless volunteer on the southern Alberta sports scene. As a member of the Castle ski patrol in the 1970s, he volunteered with the 1975 Canada Winter Games hosted by Lethbridge. He also became involved with minor sports in the Coaldale area and helped establish the Coulee Kickers Soccer Association in the early 1980s.

Petersen spent many years refereeing soccer, including serving as chief referee in Lethbridge from 1985-89. He was assistant coach and manager with the Lethbridge Chargers girls' soccer organization in the early 1990s, and later helped form SOFA, the very successful recreational adult soccer league in Lethbridge.

After retiring from potato farming, he helped launch the Lethbridge College Kodiak women's soccer program in 1994 with coaching friend Alvin Tietz and captured the CCAA women's national championship their very first season. Petersen also helped start the Pronghorn Booster Club in 1994 and the Kodiak Athletic Association in 1995, serving many years as chair for both.

Petersen was sport chair for the 1997 Southern Alberta Summer Games in Coaldale and has volunteered with Alberta Winter and Summer Games. As well, he has been involved with the Tour of Alberta cycling events in Lethbridge and served on the Board of Directors for the 2015 Alberta 55 plus Winter Games in Lethbridge.

As a member of the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame Board, Petersen was treasurer from 2006-15. His volunteer efforts have earned him several awards, including U of L's Senate Volunteer Award in 2006 and an Honorary Degree from Lethbridge College in 2013.

### **Christopher Campbell**

1. *Why do you want to be involved with the LSC Board of Directors?* In my life I have worn many hats, growing up with a disability to a single parent struggling through a degenerative neuromuscular disease. I became involved in non-profits such as the YMCA and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lethbridge at a young age. These experiences taught me the importance of community involvement and volunteering, as well as the critical need for increased availability of fundamental resources. My involvement with not-for-profit organizations led me to work at the YMCA. I was next a physiotherapist assistant and from there I moved to the University of Lethbridge, seeking a Bachelor of Science in exercise science.

I completed my minor in philosophy, but I stepped back from my degree early in my 4th year. I worked for 10 years as a disability and addictions outreach worker, and as a youth support worker providing dynamic support for complex-needs individuals in high pressure environments. During much of that time I volunteered as the assistant coach to Lethbridge Boxing under Olympic athlete Rick Duff. As a coach I was fortunate enough to be selected as the Boxing Zone 8 coach for the Alberta Winter Games. Currently I am running Lethbridge Dopamine Boxing, a fitness class for those living with Parkinson's disease.

I am excited at the opportunity of becoming involved with an organization that focuses so much on the positivity and potential of the community. With all the difficulty going on in the world, whether the opioid crisis or the pandemic, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and disempowered, but I have seen the influence of games, sport, and community involvement and how it lifts people up and bolsters their resolve. If I can work towards fostering more of those kinds of positive changes in the community, then I feel that my time is well spent.

2. *What do you hope to achieve by your involvement?* As a member of the board, I would gain experience that will empower me not only to be a better coach, but a better community member. I have spent my life volunteering for non-profits and community projects, and I recognize the LSC as a crucial component to the betterment of not only sport in Lethbridge and area, but also the community. Through my involvement on the LSC board I hope to enhance and support the many projects and goals of the organization and focus my attention and energy into a positive direction.

3. *What do you hope to contribute to the Lethbridge Sport Council?* I intend to approach the position with a proverbial empty cup; I believe I have much to learn from my peers on the board. I bring enthusiasm and boundless energy to any project that I am involved in. I enjoy talking to large groups about complicated issues and answering questions on-the-fly. I have strong interpersonal and communication skills along with experience working with local organizations and corporations, whether for fundraising or general not-for-profit events. I believe my long history with not-for-profits such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, the YMCA, and the Parkinson Association of Alberta has equipped me with practical insights into community resource development.

## **BIO**

Christopher Campbell has been a Lethbridge resident for the last 37 years, during which time he developed his experience as a leader within the sporting community. Currently he owns and operates Lethbridge Dopamine Boxing, a fitness program that is focused on utilizing modified boxing and HIIT training as a supportive therapeutic recreation option for those living with Parkinson disease.

Additionally, he has volunteered his time as assistant coach at Lethbridge Boxing for the last 8 years, working with provincial and national champions, and has been chosen as the Zone 8 boxing coach for the 2016 Alberta Winter Games.

He has personally experienced the importance of having a wide range of physically active options accessible to the community and was fortunate as a child to have been involved with many sports and community organizations. Such opportunities positively influenced him as a child to pursue an education in sports science. Seeing the benefit of involvement in physical activity all his life, Christopher wishes to help expand those opportunities to members within our community who may have been overlooked.

Christopher is passionate about community sports and contributing to its accessibility for all members of our community and hopes to continue contributing to an ever-evolving sporting community, focused on inclusion, accessibility, and excellence.

### **Steve Perkins**

1. *Why do you want to be involved with the LSC Board of Directors?* I want to be involved with the LSC Board of Directors because I have always had a great passion for both sports and the Lethbridge community, and I would love to have the opportunity to help spread the joy of sport and activity within our city. I like what the Lethbridge Sport Council represents and I would really enjoy getting to be part of an organization that has the same passion for sport within the community that I have.

2. *What do you hope to achieve by your involvement?* I would love to learn more about local sporting programs, as well as gain insights from the many other members on the board and their years of being involved within the community. I have 3 young children (aged 5, 7, and 9) and I want to be able to say that I helped provide them (and all local kids) strong sports and recreation opportunities right here at home, in our city. I feel that joining this organization would be a very positive experience that could benefit both myself and the community.

3. *What do you hope to contribute to the Lethbridge Sport Council?* I am hoping to contribute through the knowledge that I have gained from my personal experiences after my many years of playing/coaching/managing both competitive and recreational sports. Being born and raised in Lethbridge has left me with great respect for my city, and I would love to have the opportunity to be involved in helping to make it a better and more lively place to live and raise families.

### **BIO**

Steve Perkins was born and raised in Lethbridge, Alberta. He is the owner of Southern Alberta In-line, in regular operating years they offer inline programs and camps for children aged 4 years old and up. Steve played roller hockey for over 25 years, proudly being part of three national title winning Lethbridge teams. In his early 20's he played for Team Canada. Perkins was fortunate enough to be coached by Walter Gretzky while in an international inline tournament in Toronto. He trained and coached roller hockey in New York for two years during which time he coached consecutive championship teams. He has a strong desire to promote the growth of inline, as well as be an ambassador of all sports within Southern Alberta.

He has three busy children: his oldest, Aviana is 9 (going on 10 right away), Brielle, 7, is his colourful middle child, and his youngest is Easton who is 5. He has been working for Telus Communications as a field technician for the last 10 years. Aside from his love of spending time with his family, he enjoys playing hockey and golf. Steve is an alumni from Lethbridge College, with a business diploma and he is also a fully trained Fire Fighter.

### **Bruce Primeau**

1. *Why do you want to be involved with the LSC Board of Directors?* As we recover and move into reopening phases, I believe I have valuable insights to offer having been involved with sport at the local, provincial and national level and in a multitude of sports; soccer, hockey, volleyball, golf, high school sports.

2. *What do you hope to achieve by your involvement?* I hope to be able to assist in this recovery and through my involvement achieve support for those groups looking to provide a safe and quality return to play.

3. *What do you hope to contribute to the Lethbridge Sport Council?* Through my previous involvement in a multitude of sports as an athlete, coach, referee, and administrator, including a previous term on the Lethbridge Sport Bid Committee, my insights have proven to be effective and resourceful. I hope to continue to assist and bring my perspective to the already great work being done.

## **BIO**

Bruce was born and raised in Montreal, graduated from John Abbott College and moved to Lethbridge in 1987. After attending the University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College along with playing soccer for both the Horns and Kodiaks (ACAC All Conference) he transitioned into property management; Winners Gaming Corp (1994-1997), Lethbridge Soccer Centre (1997-2005) and the Sandman Hotel Group (2005-2012). In 2013 Bruce became the Managing Partner for the Express Lodging Group of Hotels including the BW Plus Service Inn & Suites and the Holiday Inn Express Lethbridge SE. He continues to sit on the Board of the Lethbridge Lodging Association which he has done off and on since 2005. Bruce was a Provincial Soccer Referee, Instructor and Assessor with the Alberta Soccer Association and spent six years in the National Referee Program along with being the District Referee Assistant and a member of the ASA Referee Development Committee for almost 20 years. Bruce coached soccer (LSA and LFC) and hockey (LMHA) for more than 15 years including community and rep programs and is still an active referee in both hockey, ringette, and volleyball.

Bruce is happily married to Natalie (B Ed UL 1991) since 1991 and has three talented, athletic, bilingual children; Stephen, currently working in Luxembourg after graduating from the UL Dhillon School of Business (B Mgmt 2020 Dean's List) and Pronghorn Soccer Alumni (Academic All Canadian), Andrew currently attending the UL (Mathematics with a French Minor with Honors) and Pronghorn Soccer (Academic All Canadian), Track, and Golf (soon to be Alumni 2021) and Meaghan who is currently attending her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the UL (Deans List) and hopes to move on to a medical program.