



FISHTOWN A.C. MEETING MINUTES

May 2025

Location: Shissler Recreation Center

Date: May 20, 2025

Time: 7:04 p.m. – 8:24 p.m.

Members present:

Frank Gallagher – President
Maryelise Griffis – Secretary
James Manuel - Treasurer
Dave Dougherty – Athletic Director
Donnie Welte – Basketball Director
Sean Callahan – Baseball Director
Joe Beck – Soccer Director
Kevin Bonner – In-House Director
Jean Rhoades – Board Member
Tony Reilly – Board Member
Pat Milligan – Board Member

Also present:

Dave Roth
Rob Griffis
John Calarco
Dave McHenry

Members not present:

Ashlie Nottingham – Softball Director

Mike Shissler – Vice President

Call to order: 7:04pm

1) Executive Board

- a. The Executive Board has voted to allow all directors to vote on club matters.

2) Committees

- a. John Hogan will take the lead on the Fundraising Committee.
- b. Dave Roth will be in charge of the Hetzell's Field Committee.
- c. Hetzell's Field Committee will fill in sinkholes, open/close bathrooms to make sure they are clean and have supplies, line baseball fields, empty trash cans.
- d. City will handle major issues, rodent control, dirt for fields, plumbing.
- e. Frank wants both committees to focus on opening the snack stand by Fall.
- f. Pat will work with the Fundraising Committee to coordinate beef and beer.
- g. Tony is designing apparel that will not only appeal to club members, but also community members who do not have children.

3) Taxes

- a. Taxes and 501(c) status are currently being handled by SD Associates. We have an active status with the

State, but not with Federal. Working on reinstatement.

4) PTSSD

- a. PTSSD's contract is ending in October.
- b. Fundraising efforts will be imperative if the grant money is no longer available.

5) Financials

- a. James has reviewed the last five months of finances.
- b. On January 1, 2025, the account had \$344. As of May 20, 2025, the account has \$26,000.
- c. \$12,500 of the \$26,000 has been given to the winner of the 50/50 from October 2024 who was not paid in full.
- d. The club owes PPR \$5, 830 from previous board (see Soccer)
- e. See attached spreadsheet.

6) In-House

- a. Four full weeks completed. Trying to catch up with rainouts.
- b. T-ball participation has been great.
- c. Parent involvement has picked up, hopeful for possible future coaches when kids reach travel age.

7) Soccer

- a. Spring soccer wrapping up on the weekend of June 7th/8th.
- b. Fall soccer practices will start in Mid-August.
- c. Tryouts are currently happening.
- d. Fall registration is open.
- e. Lost a few teams from attrition. 5 teams potentially will not be returning due to age/dispersing.
- f. Incoming age groups 2019 and on should have 16 teams for Fall.

- g. If newer teams/kids need uniforms, now have a connection with Soccer Post.
- h. New ref abuse policy for Inter-County League. Fines have gone up for verbal altercations with referees. Fines are triple if the referee is young(17).
- i. Building in-house. Work on drills/tactics and have short-sided games.
- j. Philadelphia Parks and Rec will take payments for debt that is owed. Currently owe \$5,830.

8) Kick wall

- a. Kick wall will be completed by June.

9) Baseball

- a. Coordinating with coaches to reschedule due to rainouts and umpire conflicts.
- b. Tarp for backstop is ordered, but on backorder.
- c. Working on field schedules with Fall soccer to fit in Fall ball.

10) Basketball

- a. Interest with older kids has gone down, but 8U had 20 kids participate.
- b. Still trying to locate a court. Inquiring into Towey and other local courts.

11) Miscellaneous

- a. Pat is researching grants to see if club is eligible.
- b. Pat suggested a standard form for individual teams that are managing their own fundraising efforts for full transparency. Jean has a form from prior affiliation that we can work off of.
- c. Tony made fliers for recruitment.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.