



FISHTOWN A.C. MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 2025

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Location: Shissler Recreation Center

Date: October 1, 2025

Time: 7:08 p.m. – 8:12 p.m.

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Members present:

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

Also present:

Kate Logan  
Denis Devine

Members not present:

Mike Shissler – Vice President  
Donnie Welte – Basketball Director

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Call to order: 7:08 p.m.

1) Executive Board

- a. It has been brought to the board's attention that there are concerns regarding the board's decision-making processes. Specific concerns were raised about the procedures for filling vacant board positions.
- b. The board acknowledged the concerns raised and clarified that current actions regarding the filling of board positions are being conducted in accordance with the existing bylaws. The board also wants it to be known that the bylaws are presently under review, as most provisions are outdated, and revisions will be communicated with the organization once finalized.

**PER THE BYLAWS:**

**If the General Membership number is less than one thousand (1,000) people, the Board of Directors by Article 13, Section 3, shall elect the Officers of the Corporation. If the General Membership number is 1,000 or more people, such General Members can elect the Board of Directors.**

**Section 3. The Board of Directors shall elect the officers set forth in Article 8, Section I. Nominations and elections for members of the Board of Directors shall take place at the annual meeting of this corporation.**

**Section 4. The Board of Directors shall elect the officers of this corporation at a meeting immediately before the annual general membership meeting.**

**Section 6. In the event that a vacancy occurs on the Board of-Directors, the remaining members of**

**the Board of Directors shall immediately fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.**

- c. Frank announced his decision to step down from his role of President and will continue to serve on the Board as an at-large member.
- d. Frank nominated Joe Beck to become President. The board approved the nomination by unanimous vote.
- e. Jean Rhoades was nominated to become Soccer Director, recognizing Jean has already been fulfilling the responsibilities of the role alongside Joe. The Board approved the nomination by unanimous vote.
- f. Donnie Welte is temporarily stepping down as Basketball Director due to an injury. The Board appointed Denis Devine to temporarily serve on the board to fulfill the responsibilities of Donnie.

## 2) Committees

- a. Frank has assumed the leadership of the Hetzell's Field Committee.
- b. Tony has been appointed to take the lead on the Fundraising Committee and will oversee the committee's initiatives moving forward. His primary focus will be on developing and managing clothing merchandise, etc.
- c. As the PTSSD will no longer be providing grant funding, successful fundraising initiatives are now essential to sustain Fishtown A.C.'s activities and objectives.
- d. **If any member is interested in joining a committee, they are encouraged to reach out to the Board for more information.**

## 3) Financials

- a. James is compiling the financial results for the year following the close of the fiscal year yesterday,

9/30/25. The completed financial report will be presented at the next board meeting.

- b. The organization currently has a balance of \$20,000 in its bank account. At present, the only source of revenue is income generated from the snack stand.

#### 4) In-House

- a. The in-house program is running successfully. There is strong parent participation and positive engagement from the children.

#### 5) Soccer

- a. Currently operating with PPR, Inter-County and SEPA.
- b. New nets have been installed.
- c. Fall season will wrap up in mid-November.
- d. Sunday, November 23, 2025, Fishtown AC will be hosting the PPR playoffs at Hetzells. Times are 9:30am for U10B, 11:00am for U10G, 12:30pm for U11B, and 2:00pm for U11G.
- e. The website will be updated to provide relevant information and resources for coaches.
- f. Joe informed the Board that the organization has a \$5,000 credit through ADIDAS and Soccer Post, which must be used by December, or it will be forfeited. The Board will need to determine which equipment purchases should be made using the credit.
- g. For indoor soccer, registration should be available October 13-17.
- h. Commitment forms must be completed.
- i. Shissler, along with Fishtown AC, will be replacing the indoor nets and will share the cost.

#### 6) Baseball

- a. Fall ball is underway with 4 teams.
- b. Sean has requested time for the batting cage. Dave indicated he believes Wednesdays and Thursdays are available for scheduling. It was noted that the time

slot of 5:45-6:45 should work, considering the earlier sunset and not trying to interfere with turf field, girl scouts, men's league and music classes held in Shissler.

7) Basketball

- a. Denis will temporarily fill Donnie's position.
- b. Registration will be October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- c. In addition to coaches, Dave and Denis will seek the help of high school players to assist with workout drills and to help the children learn how to play. This opportunity will also be beneficial for the high school students who need to complete community service hours.
- d. We are currently seeking additional coaches.**

8) Miscellaneous

- a. Advertisement signs have been installed to the kick wall. Four advertising slots remain available for purchase.
- b. The snack stand is currently seeking volunteers. Sign-ups are available on the website. Volunteers can commit to shifts of two hours or more.**
- c. Kate will be replenishing snack stand this weekend.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

*Maryelise Griffis*

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Frank Gallagher - President