



PSC Board Meeting

Thu, Nov 13, 2025 - 7:00 p.m. ET

*Portland Library
Teams Call-in Information below*

Agenda & Minutes

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call - Tony, Cassie, Kevin, Chad, Chris, Jeff, Evan all attended in-person. Quorum established, meeting is official.
- 2) PSC Member Comment
- 3) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. [PSC Board Meeting Minutes](#) October minutes were approved unanimously - Chris (1st) and Evan (2nd) motions. No additional comments.
- 4) President's Report:
 - Our own Erin O'Grady is 1 of 9 inductees in 2026 to the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame The ceremony is in March, tables of 10 are available for purchase, as are half-tables. The cost is \$1000 for a 10 person table which includes an add/message in the HOF Booklet. Chris noted PSC history of buying at table for a member/important contributor (which Erin clearly is). Healthy discussion ensued on the matter of PSC getting a table. Everyone was in agreement to do so - with the plan being to fill it with current PSC Board Members at no extra cost, and then opening it up to member's otherwise and/or board member spouses/guests at a cost of \$60 p/p (club would cover \$40 in that ratio). To make it an official decision to access PSC funds to purchase the table - motion was put forth Evan (1st) and Tony (2nd). It was unanimously approved, no objections, no added discussion. Tony will make the reservation this week - we don't want to lose the opportunity as the seating is first-come-first-serve.
 - Discussion recap with Glastonbury Soccer Club representatives Chris and Chad met with GHSC on the matter of pooling resources and collaborating to address what both clubs have noticed with decreasing participation. Neither club is interested in a merger; rather, just resource sharing and combining efforts in key areas. GHSC was impressed with our coach training efforts as well as how our REC program operates - and indicated they pay for such services. The two clubs agreed to include one another for future coach development and trainings.When age groups have low numbers for Travel, both will also look to explore joining forces.....GHSC offers quite a few camps in the offseason and they'd like to open it up to PSC members too. Their summer, for example, has a

camp offering just about every week vs. PSC's one offering.....Regarding small-sided, despite a few barriers this season related to weak commitment by some coaches - they are 100% on-board to continue the partnership and believe in the small-sided model for development. PSC and GHSC are the only two clubs in the area that invite other towns to participate. It's good we are neighbors and can partner. But, a BIG lift to make it work, for both, is recruiting other clubs to participate. Selling the small-sided platform is difficult, as is access. Another stress-point to small-sided success across the U9 and U10 ages is that coaches still resist the expectation to pass up actual friendlies in favor of small-sided games. Much of that could also be rooted in parents' take-aways (many want to TRAVEL more and feel ANOTHER week of small-sided isn't as valuable). A possible way to improve that is for GHSC and PSC to partner like we did this season - committing GHSC and PSC teams each session, while also ADDING a travel aspect by alternating venues between Gbury and Portland. Another idea would be to drop the frequency at the U10 level compared to U9 (maybe U9 does four small-sided Saturdays while U10 only does two).....The concept of a Jamboree (like what PSC's U12 did this year and U11 did last year) at the end of the season could serve as a bridge to small-sided games in that, although teams give up a Saturday to attend a small-sided session - perhaps an end of season Jamboree with all the teams who participated in the small-sided sessions is a way to please everyone. The Jamboree would create a single-day opportunity to not only TRAVEL but also play 3-5 games.

- Opportunities for collaboration include team formations when #'s are low, coach training, "offseason" camps and clinics, and 4v4 small-sided See above.
- 5) Vice President's Report: Chris noted that some of the unknown expenses on the treasurer's books are the REC and Travel sized soccer balls and medals for REC, as well as paying the CJSA registration fee.
 - 6) Secretary's Report: Kevin noted that his and Coach MacDonald's Referee Reconciliation forms are turned in to Tony for review. Tony added that Bill met him before the meeting to hand his in. He thinks he still needs two teams - Osa's and Ingrid's.
 - 7) Treasurer's Report (tax filing reminder for July 1 due Nov 1; at season end, be sure to collect payment):
 - Tony & Cassie Reports The club's performance in similar comparative months (July - Oct in 2024 and 2025) are quite similar when you also consider activity that occurs just outside those three months. In 2024 the club spent about \$9700 during that period while in 2025 \$1800 was spent; however, the club paid about \$6000 in uniform costs the first week of Nov, which the club held off on paying a bit longer than 2024 because of the delay in gray jersey delivery by the vendor this Fall.....Chad noted that his employer approved a \$1000 donation for 2025 in July, but to date the funds have not been provided. They typically are direct deposited. Chad will explore that in the next month - it is noted that his

employer's 2024 donation was completed in Sept., so it's unclear why it is delayed in 2025. Ref Assignor was paid \$525, and Eric Springer was paid as well.

- Taxes Filed

8) Registrar's Report:

9) Committees -

a) Nominating -

b) Travel Soccer (Bethanne, Kevin, and Evan)

- Tournaments

- Jamboree (Kevin) U12G jamboree was a success as a 2nd Annual Event. It took place on 11/8. Fields were in great shape and we used one 9v9 field and one 7v7 field. Plainville, RH, Gbury, and Simsbury participated this year. All teams played 4 shortened games. Refs were fantastic. Weather was equally fantastic. Teams tailgated and all the feedback was positive. When Chad and Chris met with GHSC, they reported that their club leaders heard the same and were complimentary toward the jamboree. Expanding it to other teams is an option - the caveat is that it's a lot of hands-on work to pull together since it takes personal relationships to get commitments AFTER the season is officially over and the goal is for games to be evenly played - so competitive balance is key and is something no one really knows until playing an opponent during the season.

c) Training for coaches and players

d) By-Laws - (Recommendations in April, if any) (Chris, Evan, Kevin)

e) Scholarship (Kevin, Tony, Annie; start communicating to community early *January*; deadline *May*)

10) Coordinators -

a) Evaluation

b) Field Management

c) Referee Assigner

- Feedback at end of season Getting Refs' from within PSC is a point of struggle. How can we get our U12's to transition from the REC games to official ref training? We can ask Eric to meet with our ref candidates in a recruiting effort, and he can explain the process and benefits. Evan added that he can also pitch in on that effort now that he's back to refing. Lena, Tony's daughter who has excelled in the Ref community, can also be included in that effort. The first step would be to invite and hold a meeting with all of our young refs so Eric, Lena, and Evan can have access to boost the recruitment.

- Chad can recap his call with Eric

- Payment to Eric \$525 fee was paid, confirmed by Tony.

d) Equipment

e) Rec Soccer

f) Camp (Bethanne and Evan)

g) Awards/Pictures (Bethanne) -

- h) Website -
- i) Risk Management -
- j) Communications -
- 11) Other ongoing activity monitoring
 - a) Summer Soccer -
 - b) Winter Futsal / Winter Oakwood field rental -
 - [see attachment to email](#)
 - [Winter Futsal Announcement 2026.doc](#) The announcement is ready and Chris will send it to Rivereast. Chad will blast it to REC and Travel email lists. Fee will be \$50 per player. There is NO Oakwood, it will be Gildersleeve only. The number of time-slot participants for the Futsal season will be 20; the gym can't accommodate any more than that at one time.
 - c) Fundraising
 - d) River East Game Recaps
 - e) Central District Meetings
 - f) CJSA Meetings -
- 12) Old Business
 - [Goal-A-Thon](#)
 - [PSC at PHS Travel teams](#) No one at the meeting attended the event, so feedback is unknown.
- 13) New Business:
 - [Board Membership change \(Stephanie\)](#) Stephanie has talked to Chad and shared that she is ready to step off the Board. Her current attendance would allow the Board to remove her with cause at this time - but, the group was in favor of actually obtaining something in writing from Stephanie indicating her desire to step down at this time. Doing so is more of a 'best practice', especially if she is ready to step down vs. the Board removing her based on attendance. Chad will communicate that approach to her.
- 14) Open Discussion Breast Cancer Awareness update - Bethanne noted she was able to donate \$1400 to Go Pink, which does NOT include the \$ Kevin gave to Tony which was a collection based off of the U12G and U9B teams doing BCA team jerseys. Tony will connect with Bethanne to get that portion contributed too.....And he will confirm with Bethanne the methodology of her contribution - did she just collect the money and make the contribution herself, and if so - we'd like to have it reflected that the Club was the source and have it reflected in our club finances.
- 15) Adjournment - Kevin (1st) and Jeff (2nd) motioned to Adjourn the meeting. ALL were in favor, no objections or comments. Meeting Adjourned at 8pm.

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