



# PSC Board Meeting

Wed, Nov 3, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

*See Zoom meeting information below*

## Agenda & Minutes

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call- In attendance: Chad, Dan, Kevin, Carol, Tony, Evan, Chris D
- 2) PSC Member Comment-
- 3) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - *passes unanimously*
- 4) Officers
  - a) President's Report: **Propose bylaws committee: Dan, Chris, Evan, Kevin - hearing no one is opposed. Changes will be proposed / voted on in April board meeting.**
  - b) Vice President's Report:
  - c) Secretary's Report:
  - d) Treasurer's Report: *detailed treasurer's report coming in Dec. Still working on three outstanding balances. Taxes were filed. A penalty is not expected.*
  - e) Registrar's Report: *Stephanie informed Chad she'd be sending out rosters Thursday*
- 5) Committees
  - a) Nominating
  - b) Travel Soccer - *Reminder these committees can focus on recruiting*
  - c) Recreational Soccer - *Reminder these committees can focus on recruiting; should get more buy-in from coaches and teams for setup*
  - d) Training for coaches and players
  - e) By-Laws
  - f) Scholarship
- 6) Coordinators
  - a) Evaluation
  - b) Field Management
  - c) Referee Assignor
  - d) Equipment - *Goal assembly - 11 a.m. Sunday? Or maybe it's better to recruit Kickers coaches and parents Saturday*
  - e) Rec Soccer
  - f) Camp
  - g) Awards/Pictures - *Carol helped photographer sort out player identities. Chad can follow up with Erin for a status update.*
  - h) Website

- i) Risk Management
  - j) Communications - idea: we can better communicate our needs publicly to our club members and community; it could be on the website; coaches can reach out to teams to get help with tasks such as moving goals, etc.; develop templates that coaches can send out to solicit volunteers, to make it easy for them; see South Windsor website with the list of volunteers needed; consider “coaches meetings” vs. “board meetings” - **Chad, Carol, Kevin, Dan**
- 7) Other ongoing activity monitoring
  - a) Covid Director
  - b) Drop In - can Chad share the record of attendance?
  - c) Winter Futsal / Winter Oakwood field rental - See New Business Below
  - d) Fundraising
  - e) River East Game Recaps - we met all deadlines on our end. Apparently the newspaper had limited space to run the recaps; should we go all in or all out? River East articles can be good for player retention. Can we simplify the write-up and follow a template? Eg: opponent, GK, goal scorers, H&H, etc.; also consider how to involve more kids’ names; time is an inhibitor; can we consider being a week late? Can we share the responsibility with assistant coaches or parents?
  - f) Central District Meetings
  - g) CJSA Meetings
- 8) Old Business
  - a) Email communication among board Oct 14-19: Erin put forth a motion and Tony seconded: "U09-U10 girls can have a travel lite player play in friendlies in order to avoid cancelling a game" 8 voting members: 5 yes, 3 no, so therefore the motion passes and Stephanie printed a player card for the player.
- 9) New Business
  - a) Travel reimbursement at end of season - \$7.50 keep or discontinue
    - i) Group was supportive of continuing
  - b) **Winter Soccer Decision Needed** - see appendix
  - c) Coginchau / HK / Portland Jamboree in April: we would need to move earlier with Spring registration at the first of the year, and get it finalized first week in March; games could be shortened; Chad to ask about age groups. We’d have to plan for how to cover the ref fees; we can consider a food truck
- 10) Open Discussion - reminder: ref fee reconciliation
- 11) Adjournment Kevin motions, Carol seconds, it passess

## Appendix: Additional Meeting Materials

### Winter Soccer

For the discussion on Winter options, here are some of the options to consider and more information I've learned recently

**COVID:** we will need to follow guidance from the CT Dept of Health ([link](#)). This guidance may change before the indoor session begins.

## Indoor Options:

1. *Futsal* is fully recognized and sanctioned by US Youth Soccer, and promoted by CJSA, our parent organization. Played in a gymnasium with dedicated goals and a heavier ball.

- **Cost \$ to the club:** Local gymnasium use typically has required us to cover about \$40 per hour in costs, plus a small, one-time refundable deposit
- In recent years we charged a registration fee that covered most, if not all, of these costs.
- In years past, we used a 3-hour time slot at Gildersleeve gym Saturday afternoons for Rec and in some cases Travel.
- Portland Soccer Club will need to fill out our own building use documents and submit necessary information to the schools (I'm working on this Tue and Wed this week).
- Depending on how many basketball teams there are, we could potentially get more time reserved this year, doubling our gym time from 3 to 6 hours
- I would propose we offer our travel teams a chance to play futsal
- We can discuss whether to collect registration fees to cover costs.
  - We probably should collect registrations and small fees up front to know who is in, how many, team formation, gender / age, etc. / \$40 per 7-8 week session? Or should we consider not asking for money? Or should we consider \$25 per session? Board wants to keep this futsal option available to Rec. Chris can start working on a registration option.
- The club purchased futsal balls and nets a few years ago, and I'm assuming the equipment is still in good shape.
- We've received very positive feedback from Rec and Travel players and parents on Futsal.
- I'm willing to help organize futsal program sessions for Rec and/or Travel to keep our players in soccer shape, right here in town.

2. *Indoor Oakwood Field 3 (lower):* This is available to us Friday nights 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- **Cost \$ to the club:** \$150 per hour.
- In the past we paid \$4,800 for 15 two-hour sessions.
- We historically did not collect additional registration costs to cover this, the way we did for Futsal
  - Should we consider charging travel players for this?
  - Can we pick another option other than 15 weeks?
  - Maybe 7 weeks, every other week, for one (or two) hour(s)?

- Can we pick and choose?
- This would be for Travel only
- Board is open to keeping both options available to Travel, assuming we have the flexibility at Oakwood and Gildersleeve
- Continue training sessions, like GK, ball control (from air) etc. not every Oakwood session has to be allocated - we can keep it open / flexible
- Idea: we charge anyone who is interested in winter soccer a fee \$30 - \$40 - (Travel players may get a little more out of this arrangement)
- Travel teams were allotted 2-3 time slots, each, over the 3-4 months period. Travel teams didn't consistently use this venue and time slots were sometimes unused without refund.
- Field 3 is larger than a basketball court. It provides a different playing venue than a gym floor: firm floor, thinly carpeted, with hockey walls.
- Soccer ball is used
- We have a small credit available for unused time when Covid hit in 2020 for two sessions (4 hours)

## Zoom Meeting Information

Topic: PSC Board of Directors Meeting

When: Every month on the First Wed, until Jul 6, 2022

7:30 p.m.

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