



# PSC Board Annual Meeting

Tue Oct 15, 2024 - 7:15 p.m. ET

**Portland Library - Mary Flood Room**

*In Person only*

## Agenda & Minutes

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call **Tony, Chris, Cassie, Kevin, Evan, Bethanne, Rob, Rebecca.**  
**Quorum established and meeting was called to order.**
- 2) PSC Member Comment
- 3) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. [PSC Board Meeting Minutes](#) - minutes approval was pushed to future meeting.
- 4) President's Report: **Chad reported that the PHS night for PSC players is October 22, and the Coach Vagel sessions for that night will need to be canceled.**
- 5) Vice President's Report:
- 6) Secretary's Report:
- 7) Treasurer's Report (tax filing reminder for July 1 due Nov 1; at season end, be sure to collect payment): **Cassie The registration fees for CJSA are \$4280.75 which covers the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 seasons. Reports that for the months of July through September the club is \$3700 upside down with ref fees and tournament entry costs. Cassie reported that the docs were sent to Eric Springer. The club has 4 outstanding registrations for the Fall season totalling about \$850.00. The club's next steps to address them will be Chris and Chad making outreaches to the 4 parties. Chris reported that he paid for the REC awards on the club card and the awards are yet to be picked up. Regarding Winter costs, Chad is inquiring with town for Gildersleeve and notes that Oakwood is probably not an option this Winter with interior renovations and new ownership. The suggested fees for Winter session is \$40. Tony reported that he will conduct the CD business as discussed with the Bank this week and he will pay the \$200 for the club's PO Box.**
- 8) Registrar's Report:
- 9) Committees -
  - a) Nominating - (Dan, Kev Lav, Kev Law, Chad) -
  - b) Travel Soccer (Chad W, Erin G, Ingrid S, Jonah P, Kevin L)
    - **Travel Season wrap up (Kevin) Kevin questioned if things have gone well with the Travel season and what the feedback has been from coaches, parents, league, etc. Bethanne noted it's been quiet regarding Ref issues and she's not had any reports of abuse. Chris noted that we've been informed of blow-out scores and the club has followed up with providing**

the league with explanations. Blowouts are presenting as a League problem that will likely be discussed in the off season.

- **Sideline behaviors (Kevin)** Same as above Kevin inquired - and the report is that all has been quiet in that department.
- **Player rankings (Kevin)** We need to remind Travel coaches that we'll be looking for End of Season Player Assessments quickly once the season wraps up and Kevin will send notice out to coaches on when/how to complete them. Chris, Chad, and Kevin will again retain the data for review if/when needed during team formation in Spring and Fall.
- **Recap Small-sided games U9-U10 Travel:** Per Chad: the games went very well. We were successful in our debut by hosting multiple clubs over 2 weeks with the U10 boys teams. Some of the feedback is that Granby wasn't as prepared in advance as others and, as a result, they initially responded poorly to the event. It was noted that one Portland player struggles with overstimulation so he did not participate in the small sided event. On the first of the two events there was an odd-team-out situation because of the roster sizes - and it was noted that it is a scenario worth avoiding if possible. For the second session, a back up plan was in place and it was implemented with good results. Basically, coaches mixed together to play a coaches vs. players small sided cycle for whoever was odd team out and that went very well. Kevin spoke to the parents of all the visiting teams on-site with an explanation of what to expect and how it would work and everyone was positive and thankful for the invite. It was mentioned that the goal would be to start early to plan it for Spring and to ensure E. Hampton is included since they wanted to do so this season but the dates would not work out.

c) Recreational Soccer-

- **Small-sided games U7-U8 Kickers: Oct 19**

d) Training for coaches and players

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

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

10) Coordinators -

a) Evaluation -

b) Field Management -

c) Referee Assigner -

d) Equipment -

e) Rec Soccer -

f) Camp (Bethanne and Evan)

g) Awards/Pictures (Bethanne) - **Picture Day** The event is 'all set' operationally. We are still awaiting the link to send to members in order to pre-order packages. The vendor is working on the program to upcharge the standard pricing to gain a little income for the club. AND Tony will handle the K.O.C. competition with Chris and Beth being unavailable.

h) Website -

- i) Risk Management -
  - j) Communications -
- 11) Other ongoing activity monitoring
  - a) Summer Soccer -
  - b) Winter Futsal / Winter Oakwood field rental - **Refer to Treasurer's report for duplication of comments on Winter session and facilities.**
    - Chad emailed GS and Oakwood for availability
    - **See appendix for last years details**, which we can use as a starting point for this year (after we hear from GS and Oakwood)
  - c) Fundraising
  - d) River East Game Recaps
  - e) Central District Meetings
  - f) CJSA Meetings
- 12) Old Business
  - a) **Meeting schedule for 2024-2025** [link to meeting schedule](#)
    - **2nd Thursdays - Library Mary Flood Room 7-8:30 pm**
- 13) New Business
  - a) **High school practice with Travel Teams **Tuesday, Oct 22**** (start time TBD). Note there is a delayed start at school the following day.
- 14) Open Discussion Tony shared feedback from his daughter who ref's the club's girls games. Her observation is that there is a significant skill deficit between our players and competitors that she'd like to try to close with a program designed to boost REC players' skills, targeting 6-8 year olds and she will present her concept to PSC in the not too distant future.....A second, unrelated comment, was to consider piggy backing our Winter session with Skyhawks as a way to boost numbers. More will be needed to explore that.....A third item of mention was that Bethanne has money to contribute for the Boys U12 and REF's Breast Cancer Awareness jerseys as well as some money from the club's swag table. At the time of the meeting, the BCA effort has collected about \$2532 for inventory which will equate to a donation of about \$1000.00 - with the likely destination the Middlesex Hospital's GO PINK campaign. When the 'check' is given to their rep we will look to get a picture to submit into the Rivereast to promote appreciation for the support for BCA month.....Evan noted that there are programs and services that record games and that might be a useful tool for the club to invest in as a way to enhance training and development for coaches and players. One such service is TRACE. There were a few comments on the matter from members who have some experience with those services (another one is Huddle). Travel Basketball examined it and it was really expensive in terms of equipment and then the service to use the tool was expensive - to the point the program would need to maybe partner with the HS to spread the financial investment thinner. It's a great idea and can be valuable, but the cost may be prohibitive for PSC's non-profit approach. The conversation on such can continue as member bring additional details to the discussion.....A final Discussion point is the U11G Fall Jamboree that Kevin's team is organizing as a grass roots event to compensate for the team being unable to participate in the SW Tournament that the girls were really bummed out about missing. We have a total of 5 teams for a 10 game round-robin jamboree with 40 minute games on 11/9/24 covering about 5 hours of time. Bethanne

has confirmed enough refs to ensure each game will have a CR. Kevin and Bethanne are working on 'entry fees' for the teams which will fully cover ref payments.

- 15) **Adjournment** Bethanne motioned to Adjourn and Kevin offered a 'second' to the motion. All were in favor of the motion, there was no objection and there was no discussion. Meeting was Adjourned.

## Appendix - Winter registration details **last year**

### 2024 Winter Soccer Session:

- Jan 13 to Mar 2, 2024

### Registration Begins:

- Fri, Nov 3, 2023

### Registration Deadline:

- Sun, Jan 7, 2024

### U5 - U8 (Birth Year 2016 - 2019)

- Price: \$40. One hour each week of Futsal on Saturday (Gildersleeve)
- Saturdays starting 12pm or 1pm

### U9 - U15 (Birth Year 2009 - 2015)

- Price: \$60. At least one hour each week of Futsal on Saturday (Gildersleeve), or Indoor on Sunday (Oakwood), or both in some weeks
- Saturdays starting at 2pm, 3pm, or 4pm
- Sundays starting at 4pm or 5pm

*The start times are subject to change slightly depending on total registrations.*

### Locations

**#1 Futsal Saturdays:** [Gildersleeve gym in Portland](#). Futsal is fully recognized and sanctioned by US Youth Soccer, and promoted by CJSA, our parent organization. **Futsal** is played in a gymnasium with dedicated goals and a heavier ball.

**#2 Indoor Soccer Sundays:** [Oakwood indoor soccer field #3 in Glastonbury](#). The Oakwood field is larger than a basketball court: carpeted floor with hockey walls. A normal soccer ball is used.

### Other info

Volunteer coaches may alternate duties depending on availability. We will attempt to group players each week based on age. A more detailed weekly plan for the players will depend on final registration numbers.