



PSC Board Annual Meeting

Thu Nov 14, 2024 - 7:00 p.m. ET

Portland Library - Mary Flood Room

Teams Call-in Information below

Agenda & Minutes

- 1) Call to Order & Roll Call

Evan, Chris, Kevin, Rob, Cassie, Tony, Chad, Rebecca - Quorum Est.

- 2) PSC Member Comment Evan suggested investing in some High Vis stakes for our Pugg nets so they can be more reliably picked up after use, unlike the standard ones that he's found still in the ground during Travel action. He also suggested publishing that the club has lightly used gear in the shed - which could maybe be made available at tryouts for those who need stuff.....Kevin noted that on two occasions this season, he was able to lend cleats to Travel players who forgot theirs for games. Opposing coaches and players were VERY appreciative and complimentary of the club's ability to assist as such.
- 3) Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes. [PSC Board Meeting Minutes Aug, Sep, Oct](#)
- 4) President's Report:
- 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 emailed the reports](#) Treasurer - Cassie noted all tax docs have been submitted.....The CD discussed at prior meeting was purchased, it matures in April 2025.....Reviewed Income Statement: PSC is still operating at a loss.....There was a \$2K donation by an unknown/unidentified source. It is possible it was Chad's Employer - Travelers for their employee-community service reimbursement program.....Regarding Winter costs - we've paid for Gildersleeve; cost of Oakwood is still TBD. Chad will explore the use of fields at other venues such as Day Hill Dome as well as possibly more access/time at Gildersleeve should the indoor soccer/dome facilities prove to be not cost effective.....It was reported that Eric Springer does not charge us for his tax related work, but there will be a cost of \$100 to file them - AND we owe him for last year's filing as well as the upcoming filing.....RE: expenditures, Bethanne was paid \$350 for her Ref Assignor duties.....RE: donation - we raised \$1295

for the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign which will be delivered to Go Pink again this year. Bethanne will handle the task of delivering the contribution and trying to obtain a picture of it so we can post to SM/Rivereast/etc.....RE: Scholarship - Tony paid the recipient and will try to get a picture of the winner since travel plans got in the way of doing so.....Tony noted that he is circulating 1099's for ref's who earned more than \$600

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) It was noted that the PSC Boys U11B won the CNC Division tournament and their league. Chris shared that CNC leaders will likely tinker with divisions as a way to combat blow-outs. One solution might be smaller divisions whereby each team plays one another twice (home/away series) which will allow the league to group more closely matched teams to improve competitive balance while still ensuring the same number of games as usual.....Chad noted that the CNC U11G end of season tournament hosted by PSC at the rec complex was a great event with competitive and well-managed games throughout.....Kevin added that the self-run grass roots jamboree the U11G coaches put together the day before the CNC event was also successful and tons of fun. Lots of tail gaiting enjoyed by players and spectators. Weather was great. Fields worked out perfectly. Ref arrangements and payments all fell into place without a hitch..... Chris noted that there is an upcoming USA Soccer vote on the matter of player age denominations in regards to birth year vs. grade level. If they make the change, it would impact Fall 2025 for sure, and possibly Spring 2025..... Travel Team Player Assessments - still waiting on Ingrid, Osa, and Anne to submit theirs.....RE: spring soccer - we'd like to try to better prepare families for Travel expectations. There seems to be some myths and confusion about expectations. Why folks get that impression is unclear - but the club can do a better job of disseminating accurate descriptions of what to expect. We can include FAQ's and well as some parent/player testimonials. Another possibility would be to re-activate the Competitive Committee which the club has had in the past to help establish expectations (number of games, skills required, frequency and distances associated with travelling out of town, etc.) for each Travel level of play - U9, U10, etc.

c) Recreational Soccer- Chris reported that the season went well and is considered a success. The plan moving forward is to tweak the format a bit with small-sided games that eventually build into a more typical

"Kickers" formatted game at the end. It will be interesting to see if playing small-sided games for several weeks prior to a "kickers" game results in improvements in areas such as: effort to pass and move the ball around, less dominance of the more physical/more athletic/bigger players, more balanced engagement of every player on the field, better use of the whole field.....Tony noted that his daughter still plans on trying to offer an improved ball-skills training program for younger rec players after seeing some skill deficits in our youngest Travel players when compared to their competition, as she's observed while refing those games. Once her busy soccer season ends she'll have more time to devote.

- d) Training for coaches and players On the matter of player deficiencies - Chad and Chris both discussed how our coach training has dipped since Covid, including the move from in-person to remote sessions. A recent CNC District meeting included an effort by the league to spearhead coach training which might help PSC coaches and players source development opportunities.
- 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 - Between the U11G self-hosted jamboree and the PSC hosted CNC U11G Tournament action, all the club's rec complex goals have been moved for the winter, as well as net removal/storaged, as well as sand-bag storage. Chris may look into an updated net-weighting option than the bags we currently use.
- c) Referee Assigner - [Payment to Bethanne](#) See Treasurer Notes
- 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 - [Winter soccer registration \(see appendix\)](#) See Treasurer Section for notes on facility payments/status for Winter
- c) Fundraising
- d) River East Game Recaps
- e) Central District Meetings See Travel Soccer for notes regarding smaller divisions, competitive balance efforts.

- f) CJSA Meetings See Travel Soccer for notes regarding USA Soccer vote pertaining to birth year/grade level news
- 12) Old Business
- 13) New Business Kevin noted that Travel Player Ben M assisted with ref'ing duties during the U11G grass-roots jamboree and made a motion to pay him \$50 for his efforts. Evan Second'd the motion. All were in favor. There were no objections. There was no added discussion other than Tony volunteering to coordinate payment.
- 14) Open Discussion The Board reviewed the end-of-season party stipend for those Travel teams that hold them, to the tune of \$5.00 per player. Kevin noted that for the grass-roots U11G jamboree, he paid out of pocket for commemorative pins for all participating players. It cost about \$150. Kevin asked if the U11G team's end-of-season party stipend could be granted to cover some of the out-of-pocket expense for those commemorative pins. The team had 12 players, so the total would be \$60. Chris made a motion to authorize the \$60 as such to Kevin as requested. Chad second'd the motion. All were in favor. No objections or additional discussion. The board was also reminded that the funds are not transferrable from one team to another.
- 15) Adjournment Kevin made motion to Adjourn. Rob Second'd the motion. All were in favor. No one objected. Meeting officially closed at 8:15pm.

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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.