



FISHTOWN A.C. MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2026

Location: Shissler Recreation Center

Date: February 3, 2026

Time: 7:06 p.m. – 8:34 p.m.

Members present:

Joe Beck – President

Marylise Griffis – Secretary

James Manuel - Treasurer

Dave Dougherty – Athletic Director

Sean Callahan – Baseball Director

Kate Logan – Softball Director

Jean Rhoades – Soccer Director

Joe Reilly – Board Member

Members not present:

Mike Shissler – Vice President

Frank Gallagher – Board Member

Kevin Bonner – In-House Director

Call to order: 7:06 p.m.

1) Executive Board

- a. The Board is working to finalize the bylaws for ratification, focusing on membership definitions, disciplinary procedures, and election processes.
- b. A public meeting is being planned to provide parents with an opportunity to share concerns and gather feedback.

2) Financials

- a. James is in contact with the accountant to coordinate the completion of the required tax filings. It is noted that the completion of the back taxes as far as 2016 is required before the organization may proceed with submitting its 501(c)(3) application.

3) PTSSD grant

- a. Members of the Board presented proposals for a new batting cage and bullpen to the PTSSD on 1/21/2026 and the funding has been approved. The Board will receive the check on 2/5/2026.
- b. PTSSD requested receipts from the previous grant received in the Fall of 2025. The Board provided all receipts and statements.

4) Travel Basketball

- a. Working on another permit for Hackett for 7:30-9:00 on Wednesday nights.
- b. Minor scheduling conflicts/cancellations, but now running smoothly. Participation is great.
- c. **Fishtown AC is currently seeking a dedicated Basketball Director to oversee and support the basketball program.**

5) In-House Soccer

- a. In-house soccer begins on 2/3/2026.
- b. 47 children registered.

6) Travel Soccer

- a. PPR League ongoing.
- b. 3 teams at SoFive finished up Round 1. 1 team at Total Turf finishing up.
- c. Have 3 teams registered for Winter 2 at SoFive.
- d. 2 teams receiving Championship awards at banquet, Flyers and Chaos. Spider Dragons receiving City Runner-Up.
- e. Awarded the Lonnie Cohen Memorial grant amounting in \$1,500 for soccer equipment.
- f. Spring registration will open soon.
- g. Message will be sent to all parents explaining the US Soccer age change as well as ID Clinics and tryouts.

7) Baseball

- a. Currently six teams registered as of meeting.
- b. Hancock on Friday evenings and Saturdays and Sundays 10:00-2:00. Monday through Friday at Shissler. Samuels Sunday nights from 4:00-8:00. Dave is working on obtaining space at American Legion for practices.
- c. Sean in communication with LaSalle High School coach about a pitchers and catchers clinic.
- d. Discussion took place in obtaining a pitching mound to enhance and support player development.
- e. Uniform kits from Areli are available for try-ons February 23rd-27th.
- f. The Board discussed plans to host an Opening Day celebration.

8) Softball

- a. Currently four teams registered as of meeting; U8, two U10s, and U12.
- b. Home games for 10U Angels on Mondays at Hetzells. Practice on Sundays 4:00pm at Samuels. Cage on Thursdays 5:45pm.
- c. Home games for 10U Mermaids on Tuesdays at Hetzells. Practice on Mondays at Cione. Cage on Saturdays at 10:00am.
- d. Home games for Flames on Wednesdays at Hetzells. Practice on Sundays 6:00pm at Samuels. Cage on Tuesdays 7:15-8:45.
- e. Kate to coordinate with Dave on dates for availability for Phillies Ball Girls Clinic.
- f. Need U8 coach.
- g. Kate would like an inventory list in the equipment box and the need to implement a responsibility checklist for field maintenance and field setup to ensure consistency, safety, and accountability; lining field, locking field after last game, etc.

9) Hetzells

- a. Frank will have meeting with Greg and Shawn about sprinkler system being fixed after ground thaws.
- b. Dave Ross and Rob Griffis offered their time and labor to fix bleachers once wood is purchased.
- c. Keys need to be distributed to all coaches for bathrooms at Hetzells before spring season begins.
- d. Hetzells fence holes need to be repaired.

10) Fundraising

- a. Merchandise is available on website.
- b. Murph's Bar imagery needs to be revised for kick wall. Tony has arranged for the artwork to be redrawn for their sign.
- c. Two spots are left on the kick wall. \$500 a spot.

11) Batting cage

- a. Once grant is received, will send a deposit to Northeast Fence. One to two week turnaround.
- b. Lighting is being added. One to two days of work.
- c. **Need volunteers to install batting cage netting.**

Next meeting is scheduled for March 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Maryelise Griffis– Secretary

Joe Beck - President