



## FISHTOWN A.C. MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2026

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Location: Shissler Recreation Center

Date: March 3, 2026

Time: 6:39 p.m. – 8:33 p.m.

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Members present:

Joe Beck – President

Maryelise 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

Frank Gallagher - Board Member

Members not present:

Mike Shissler – Vice President

Kevin Bonner – In-House Director(conflict with In-House Soccer at same time)

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Call to order: 6:39 p.m.

1) Bylaws

- a. James drafted revisions to certain articles in the existing bylaws that required updates. The board discussed membership eligibility, the rights and responsibilities of members, terms and elections, removals and vacancies, and annual meetings.
- b. The board agreed to change the quorum requirement for board meetings from five members to six.
- c. The board has agreed that the annual meeting will be held in April. The election process will begin at that time, with elections taking place in May. Newly elected board members will assume their positions in June.

2) Financials

- a. James provided the financial statements.

3) Taxes/501(c)(3)

- a. James is in contact with the accountant. The IRS acknowledged receipt of the reinstatement request form on November 12, 2025. It may take six to nine months for review to begin. Accountant is preparing 990 forms for IRS.

4) Travel Basketball

- a. Program has been successful with a high level of participation and competitive games.

5) Travel Soccer

- a. Indoor season is wrapping up. Last weekend is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Nine teams are in the playoffs.
- b. Spring season will have 5 girls teams in Rock League, 6 boys teams in Inter-County, 2 teams in State Cups.

- c. The week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be ID clinics. The week of April 6<sup>th</sup> will be tryouts.
- d. Capping at 1 year for moving up.
- e. Goalie-only clinics on Tuesday nights at 7:30 at Hetzells.
- f. ADIDAS credit of \$7,000. Board used \$1,800 for 40 game balls for spring season.
- g. Fishtown AC was awarded the Lonnie Cohen grant of \$1,500. Will be used on in-house equipment; cones, small in-house balls, goalie jerseys, whistles, ice packs, defender trainers.

#### 6) Baseball

- a. Registration is complete, but 12U and 14U have roster spots.
- b. Playing in PPR League.
- c. Schedules are finalized.
- d. 8 teams.
- e. Practices will start the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>. Games start the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Backstops need to be installed.
- g. Home plate to be cemented in at Shissler.
- h. New batting cage is complete.

#### 7) Softball

- a. Registration is complete. 4 teams; 8U, 2 U10s, and 12U.
- b. Phillies Ball Girls Clinic will be on May 9th.
- c. Schedules are finalized.
- d. Kate wants to establish a pre-registration for existing players before opening registration to the public to negate last minute registration.

#### 8) Hetzells

- a. Bleachers have been repaired/replaced.

- b. Pipe in snack stand to be repaired on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Fence needs to be repaired.
- d. Frank will start cleaning the snack stand.
- e. Board will purchase a leaf blower to control dirt on the field and a weed wacker.

9) Opening Day celebration

- a. The board would like to host an Opening Day celebration for the baseball and softball teams.
- b. Some of the ideas after DJ, food and drink, wiffleball tournament, dunk tank, 50/50s.
- c. Possible dates are April 12<sup>th</sup> or April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Dedication plaque at the batting cage honoring David G. Dougherty (1958-2011) for his decades of service to the club.

10) Kick wall

- a. Tony will install Murph's Bar sign.
- b. Two spots still available.

11) Fundraising potential options

- a. World Cup raffle.
- b. Union kit raffle.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



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Maryelise Griffis– Secretary

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Joe Beck - President

