

## Pendleton FC – May Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Pendleton Community Library

Chair: Lauren Simpson – President

Recorder: Amanda McAlarney – Communications Director

Board Members Present:

- Lauren Simpson – President
- Stephanie Gabbard – Treasurer
- Amanda McAlarney – Communications Director
- Sam Hawkins-Secretary

Staff Present:

- Alex Wright – Upper Rec Director
- Lexi Maranto – Rec Director
- Jenn True – Registrar & Sponsorship Coordinator
- Ildar Valeev– Academy Director

Visitors/Parents:

- Lisa and Matt Stamper, Ben True, Jill Herscher, Tabitha Dyer, and Erin Strahl
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### 1. Call to Order & Quorum

1. Meeting called to order.
  2. Quorum established (three of five voting board members present)
  3. Approval of April Minutes
    - Motion to approve April meeting minutes.
    - Seconded by Sam
    - MOTION PASSED
  4. The chair reviewed the meeting agenda and explained that visitor comments would be limited to five minutes each due to a scheduled executive session later in the meeting.
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## 2. Public Comment – U10 Team Concerns & U11 Proposals

### 2.1 Parent Presentation – U11 Team (Erin Strahl)

- Erin (parent) presented concerns and a request regarding the future of the U10 team:
  - Emphasized strong commitment of current players to each other and to the program.
  - Noted roster stability and potential recruitment of additional players (including those eligible under 2026 birth-year guidelines).
  - Argued that team continuity is important for player development, chemistry, and confidence.
  - Expressed concern that playing up could disadvantage players physically and competitively.

### 2.2 Additional Parent Support Matt Stamper, Ben True, Tabitha Dyer, Ildar Valeev, and Jenn True.

- Parents supported Erin's proposal:
  - Reinforced that this U10 group is committed and cohesive, benefiting from consistent practice together.
  - Stressed that disbanding or restructuring the team could undermine development and morale.

### 2.3 Board Response

- Board acknowledged:
    - The parents' investment and the positive culture within the U10 group.
    - Need to balance individual team continuity with the club's overall structure, pathways, and resource constraints.
  - Detailed discussion and any decisions were reserved for later in the meeting and/or executive session.
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## 3. Operational Staff / Program Reports

### 3.1 Rec Program & Scheduling – Rec Director (Alex)

- Reported scheduling issues, particularly:

- Coach complaints about Sunday game times.
- General challenges balancing field availability with team and family preferences.

### 3.2 Registration & Sponsorship – Registrar (Jenn)

- Sponsorship update:
  - New sponsor added: Lagoni Chiropractic.
  - Continued need for additional practice games and events to keep sponsors visible.
- Noted ongoing registrar workload challenges and the importance of clarifying that position's scope and support.

### 3.3 Communications / Operations – Communications Director (Amanda)

- Referee & Operations:
  - Update on referee training efforts.
  - Operational update on State Street banner.
  - Noted grant for a golf cart for TOPSoccer, improving accessibility and logistics.
- Facilities & Equipment:
  - Successful installation of a Wi-Fi device for better hotspot coverage at the fields.
  - Purchase of new benches and paint sprayers for field operations.

### 3.4 Additional Program Items

- Discussion about possibly organizing a tent setup for travel teams at upcoming games to improve visibility and cohesion.
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## 4. Board Officers, Financials & Annual Meeting Planning

### 4.1 Annual Meeting – June 7

- Confirmed upcoming Annual Meeting date: June 7.
- Agenda focus areas:
  - Bylaws review and updates.
  - Board members and officer positions (elections/appointments).
  - Personnel contracts and renewals.

- Financial review (including program budgets and compensation decisions).

#### 4.2 Financial & Snack Shack Update

- Snack shack report (Amanda):
  - April gross sales: approx. \$478.
  - Ongoing need to manage referee payments for the remainder of the season.
- Board discussed:
  - Ensuring clear tracking of snack shack income vs. expenses.
  - Balancing small capital purchases (benches, sprayers, Wi-Fi) with program priorities.

#### 4.3 Board Meeting Concluded- Executive Session

- Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.