- **Call to Order**
  - Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

- **BOD**
  - **Present:** Joe Zizik, Kevin Girard, Scott Anderson, Eric Stoddard, Tom Butler, Erick Holmes
  - **Absent:** Joe Filippetti, Chrissy Caplet, John Ressler, Iain Anderson

- **Clubs**
  - **Present:** Colchester (Rob Hlasyszyn), CWSA (Karyn Eves) East Haddam (Kelly Anderson, Paige Weaver, Laura Smith), East Lyme (Eric Stoddard, Nat Johnson), Griswold (Ed Conn, Chip Henson), Groton (Rich Loach), Lebanon(Jason Merritt), Ledyard (Andera Robinson), LOLSC (Hayden Reynolds, Chris Kyle), Montville (Evan Thompson), New London (Clare DePeter Powers), Norwich (Karen Redanz), Norich PAL (John Zinewicz), Old Saybrook (Martin Artymiak, Jon Travinso), Plainfield (Steve Heroux), RHAM (Joe Margaitis), Stonington (Rich Balestracci, Alaina Hallsey), Valley (Gerald Carlone, Tim Myers), Waterford (Mike Zin)
  - **Absent:** DOCA, HK, Southeast, Westbrook

- **Minutes**
  - April 17, 2024 minutes. Ed Conn moved the motion for a vote and Kelly Anderson seconded. The Minutes were approved unanimously.
  - June 19, 2024 minutes. Ed Conn moved the motion for a vote and Kelly Anderson seconded. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

- **District Report**
  - The Southeast District will provide a full refund for any Southeast coach that takes the US Soccer Grassroots Coaching Certificate. Coaches may be reimbursed directly by SECJSA, or via their Club who will be reimbursed by SECJSA. A completed course certificate must be shared in order to be reimbursed. SECJSA may consider partial reimbursement for the D license.
  - SafeSport: SafeSport must be completed by all coaches, club administrators, Boards members, or any volunteer who interacts with players. Clubs must reinforce this and ensure that everyone completes SafeSport prior to the start of the season (SafeSport must be completed annually). You may view in Stack who has and has not completed SafeSport for the 2024-2025 season.
  - Hartford Athletic game Oct. 12: SECJSA may attend the Hartford Athletic final home game on Oct. 12, but Joe realizes that this may pose a conflict due to Columbus Day Weekend and various soccer tournaments.
    Joe will reach out to Clubs to help assess interest. If we move ahead, players, Coaches, and Club Admins. may attend the game for free and parents of player will be offered discounted tickets.

- **Doc Report**
  - Coaches Clinic
    - Coaching Courses – August 23rd in Ledyard email was sent to all club presidents.

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- **League Report**
  - Fall League
    - Joe Z announced that a statement will be read to spectators prior to all games by coaches and/or Captains. Joe read the statement to meeting attendees and emphasized a zero tolerance policy for any spectator or Coach who violates the rules of conduct. Should Joe receive a reasonable complaint following a game, the Coach/Club will receive a fine (fine amount still in discussion among the Board)
    - Team entries for Fall season: Scott Anderson, Girls Chairman, and Kevin Girard, Boys Chairman, led a discussion with Clubs to confirm entries of all U9 through U15 teams for the fall season.
    - Starting Spring 2025 U9 will no longer have Gold, Silver, Bronze. U9 is simply U9 (Rec)

- **Referee Report**
  - Lots of discussion (again!) about referees (especially young refs) and how to best handle spectators and coaches if they misbehave. Attendees agreed that that home Coaches should approach refs to help empower them and emphasize that they "have their back" and will step in if necessary. Club Presidents may also ask Coaches to send them an email to report any inappropriate behavior that could later be shared with Joe, if needed.

- **Important Dates**
  - Fall Coaches Meeting August 26th, 8 PM Online conf call

- **Adjournment**
  - Adjourn at 8:27 PM

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