



Rockaway Township Soccer Association <http://www.rtsa.org>

Minutes of the Meeting for February 2012

Meeting held on February 29th , 2012

At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION

RTSA President: Jill Wilson
RTSA Vice-President: Sylvia Kirkpatrick
RTSA Treasurer: Sharon Peter
RTSA Secretary: Gulay Loder

Director Soccer Op: Ray Hogrelius
Director Field Op: Dave Wilson
Head Coach: Nitin Daniels
Head Referee: John Olsen
Recreation Director: Tom Nolan
RV Director: Joe Gajda

Booster President: Jamie Brown
Booster Vice-President: not present
Booster Treasurer: Jill Wilson
Booster Secretary: not present

RT Soccer Liason: not present

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B: (None)
U09B Thistle: not present
U10B Wolverines: Richard Gill
U11B Sharks: Barb Ustepski, Gulay Loder
U12B Dragons: James Haag, John Olsen
U13B Raiders: Ray Mikuta
U14B Warriors: Ray Hogrelius, Sharon Hogrelius
U16B (Marsh): not present

U08G KFC: not present
U09G Tsunami: not present
U10G Freedom: Joe Gavito
U11G Renegades: Carmen Wiesenberger
U12G Riptide: Jenny Lee
U13G Thunder: not present
U14G Tigers: not present

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi: Jill Wilson
Communications: Dave Gavito
Recreation/RV: Tom Nolan

Rockaway Twp Day : Jill Wilson
Uniforms: not present

General Attendees:

*** When you attend a meeting, please make sure you sign in. Always review the information by your name and make corrections or additions where necessary. If you are representing a team or committee, please confirm that it is listed next to your name on the sign in sheet so that proper representation is given in the minutes.*

Meeting brought to order at 7:11 PM by President, Jill Wilson

Secretary's Report (secretary@rtsa.org) – Gulay Loder

Motion to approve the amended minutes from January Meeting: Motion/ Jaime Second/ Dave
***Reminder – Please sign in at all meetings you attend. You must attend 6 meetings during the previous year to have voting rights.**

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer@rtsa.org) – Sharon Peters

Here is the Treasury Report for February:

Opening Balance.....\$5,535.88
Checks.....\$ 781.45
Deposits.....\$3,565.00
Closing Balance.....\$8,319.43

Vice President's Report (VicePresident@rtsa.org) – Sylvia Kirkpatrick

- Registration for spring is up to 292 (will be kept open for 2 more weeks)
- We need approx. 3-4 additional coaches so far
- Rockaway Valley has comparable #'s-opened up access to waiting lists. Travel registration #'s are low and date will be pushed to May 1st

Boosters' Report (Boosters@rtsa.org) – Jamie Browne – President; Michelle Reilly – VP, Jill Wilson – Treasurer, Diane Palma – Sec'y, Beth Cusick - Communications

- Spring picture day will only be for recreation and Rockaway Valley NOT travel
- Little Caesars fund raiser is in effect!
- 3/24 Applebee's pancake breakfast is \$10 pp tickets will also be sold at the door the morning of the fundraiser
- Spiritwear orders have been cancelled due to a lack of interest/orders. Old stock will be sold at picture day
- Shirts are ordered for rec
- Raffle for soccer players 5 tickets to sell for each player, \$10 each 1st prize \$1,000, 2nd \$500 3rd \$100 incentive for team & players \$25 for each team member for team who sells the most drawing at May 30th meeting

President's Report (President@rtsa.org) – Jill Wilson

President's Report Feb 2012:

Question:

You have two people, each with a certain amount of soccer balls. Their names are Tom and Joe. If Joe gives Tom a soccer ball then they will have an equal number of soccer balls. But if Tom gives Joe a soccer ball, then Joe will have 2x's the soccer balls that Tom has. How many soccer balls do they each have? HINT: They are single numbers and both are less than 10!

(Answer: Joe has seven and Tom has 5)

Red Bulls Tickets: Boosters will be purchasing 100 Red Bulls tickets for the upcoming season from Denville. Denville has a fund raiser and buys 500 – only need 400 so they offered to us. Coaches can get a group together and pick a date. Will have to let me know when and how many tickets, and we will order.

Summer Select Program:

Mike Mugavero attended the meeting tonight to talk further about the summer select program that is run through Morris Knolls and Morris Hills High School. Last week, Morris Knolls had an open training and info session for incoming students from U10 –U14 and about 100 players showed up. Great turn out!

The program begins mid-June and goes through August 1st. Training is run by the High School Coaches and trainers for this approximate 6 week program. The teams that are formed will most likely play 3 tournaments during that time. Players that plan to stay in the game of soccer, are encouraged to join. If you weren't able to attend the recent informational session at the school, they will be reaching out to players in the upcoming months to see what the commitment level is. The cost for the program will be approx. \$350 that covers the 3 tournaments, uniform and training throughout.

Girls have expressed interest and more seems to be coming out this season. The past 4 years, the majority has been boys teams and mostly Hills players. Knolls and Hills should have representatives at the next several RTSA Association Meetings if you have any questions.

A few testimonials were made at the meeting – that they've been in the program for 3 or 4 years now and it is entirely worthwhile. The experience is one of the best especially for the players that will be attending those particular schools so they know what to expect better when they start their freshman year.

Director of field Operations & Development (FieldOperations@rtsa.org) – Dave Wilson

Some top soil added fertilized, aerated and seeded November 4,2012.

Chain link fence made repairs to fence and gates.

Relocated parking lot field opening for pedestrians further east so as people enter field they are on the outside of the playing field.

Wooden guardrails are being installed.

Many trees need to be removed on west side of field especially at bleachers. Town will remove.

Pay to Good To Go complete. Signage needs to be installed

Raised Booster Shed due to flooding condition in fall.

Head Referee's Report (HeadReferee@rtsa.org) – John Olsen

No new training for referee's. that's it!

Travel Director's Report (TravelDirector@rtsa.org) – Rick Suntag

Final flighting is up on the MCYSA website
<http://www.mcyasa.org/Flighting.htm>

Pre-season conflict notices received from coaches have been sent to the league. Deadline has now passed so if there are any more conflicts, we'll have to deal with them with an in-season schedule change.

MCYSA has revived their "recruitment" pages for teams looking for players / players looking for teams

Teams looking (place your ad here) - <http://www.mcyasa.org/Recruitment/tryouts-tilp.htm>

Players looking (find players here) - <http://www.mcyasa.org/Recruitment/tryouts-plt.htm>

League Cup

League Cup for U11/U12 - registration is now online for U11-U12. Deadline to apply is Mar 31. Can Boosters please confirm that they are covering registration / referee fees as in the past?

League Cup for D1/D2 - MCYSA would like to offer League Cup for high school teams. It will be offered if enough teams apply.

Question for Boosters - will high school teams be covered as the U11-U14s are?

<http://www.mcysa.org/LeagueCup/MCYSALeagueCup.htm>

RTSA will be hosting an MCYSA league referee meeting this season. Meeting will be held Sun Mar 11 @ 6:30PM in the Muni building. Thank you to Dave Wilson for securing the room for the league meeting!

Home game schedule files are due back to the league by Mar 15. I have not received the raw file yet for the league, but it is expected by Feb 4. Raw files contain dates and home team of all games with game times and fields to be filled in by the home clubs. When I receive the file, I will be asking you for any special scheduling requests for home or away games.

Deadlines:

March 19 - State cup entry deadline for U15-U18 teams. Draw is on Mar 24 and a copy of your completed / stamped roster must be at the state office by then. Note that if you enter state cup, your roster is locked until you are out of state cup.

Info at http://njyouthsoccer.com/state_cup/SplashPage.htm

March 22 - Carding packet to DC deadline for MCYSA game 1. High school age teams - PLEASE get your carding packets ready by March 15 so if there are issues, we can get them resolved pre-season. If you are planning on playing state cup, you should be looking to finish your carding packet by the end of next week (Mar 10).

March 28 will be the MCYSA meeting for new teams. Location TBD. Our high school teams must send a representative.

For hiring a speaker - We have an extremely strong group of high school players with flight 1 teams at boys D1 and D2. Our D2 team won flight 1 in D1 last year. Many of these players have the ability to play for clubs, but they choose to play for us. Some of these players are skilled enough to play in college. We should look to provide them with the knowledge and tools they need to learn how to get themselves recruited to play in college without forcing them to leave RTSA and play for a club team.

Director of Soccer Operations' Report (SoccerOperations@rtsa.org) Ray Hogrelius

- New shed will be arriving in a week
- Supplies are in good standing for the spring soccer season

Head Coach's Report & Training (HeadCoach@rtsa.org) – Nitin Daniels

- Coaches clinic 3/25 4-5PM for American and PALS
- Coaches clinic 3/25 5-6PM for Nationals and Int'l
- May 19th try-outs (June 2nd raindate)
- Working on training schedule for Cheshire

Rec Director Report: (recdirector@rtsa.org) Tom Nolan

- The numbers of players to team ratio will dictate the 8v8 or 5v5 for lower enrollment #'s
- Coaches will be on the field
- Registrations are low (32-34 per division) spring season will be America (K-1), modified field, 40 x 70, for Int'l (2nd-4th)
- Up to 6 teams for international, season starts for all April 14th

In Town Directors' Reports

Soccer Pals – Pre-K (SoccerPals@rtsa.org) – No Report.

American A - K (AmericanA@rtsa.org) – No Report.

National Boys – 1st & 2nd grade (NationalBoys@rtsa.org) – No Report.

National Girls – 1st & 2nd grade (NationalGirls@rtsa.org) – No Report.

International Boys and Girls – 3rd & 4th grade (InternationalBoys@rtsa.org) – No Report.

Rockaway Valley (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) – Joe Gajda

- April 14th - season starts
- HS club teams- boys need a coach
- Rutgers class 3/23 Mine Hill 6:30 -10
- Coaches meeting is 3/24 9-11 3/27 6:30 -10

Committee Reports

Communications / website (webmaster@rtsa.org) – David Gavito

- Lots of boosters information on web
- Forms on web will be up for the breakfast
- Busy with fundraising etc.

Uniform Committee- Matt Bianchi- Rec and RV orders are in

Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship (MassieMondriScholarship@rtsa.org) – Jill Wilson

Applications are out and forwarded to all Varsity coaches due April 1st . April 18th will be reviewed.

Old Business

No report

New Business

Rick Suttgart:

Since it's not really part of the travel director's report, the following should be introduced under "new business". I assume it will lead to a discussion and maybe a general consensus from RTSA members.

I would like to make a second request to Booster for funding for the following:

- County Cup for HS age teams (if it is held)
- Coaching license reimbursement for E level and higher licenses
- Hiring a speaker to give a talk to interested HS age players and their parents about the college recruitment process

County Cup - Boosters currently covers all other age levels (U11-U14). MCYSA is considering adding county cup for D1 and D2 teams. We should give these teams the same benefit as their younger counterparts.

For the E license class (and higher). As a club, we should strive for excellence, not for mediocrity. "F" is the minimum required to coach. E is RECOMMENDED for U11 and older. Our coaches volunteer their time for the children in our program. We should at least be covering the cost of soccer licensing courses for them to help encourage them to volunteer more of their time to become better coaches.

On a side note....

- Golf outing chair is now Dave Wilson...thanks Dave!, Friday May 18th , Sponsors needed, 50/50 tricky tray. If you're not playing golf you can come out for dinner!

Motion to adjourn – Joe second/ Tom