



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

## Minutes of the Meeting for April 2012

Meeting held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012

At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



### ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION

RTSA President: Jill Wilson  
RTSA Vice-President: Sylvia Kirkpatrick  
RTSA Treasurer: not present  
RTSA Secretary:Gulay Loder

Director Soccer Op: not present  
Director Field Op: Dave Wilson  
Head Coach: Nitin Daniels  
Head Referee: not present  
Recreation Director: Tom Nolan  
RV Director: Joe Gajda

Booster President: Not present  
Booster Vice-President: not present  
Booster Treasurer: Jill Wilson  
Booster Secretary: Diane Palma

RT Soccer Liason: not present

### RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B: (None)  
U09B Thistle: Terrance Ferguson  
U10B Wolverines: Richard Gill  
U11B Sharks: Matt Bianchi, Gulay Loder  
U12B Dragons: James Haag,  
U13B Raiders: Shelly Errante  
U14B Warriors: not present  
U16B (Marsh): Not present

U08G KFW: James Haag, Sue Gordimer, Shelly Errante  
U09G Tsunami: Carmen Weisberger  
U10G Freedom: Dave Gavito  
U11G Renegades: Carmen Weisberger, Terri Rosenski  
U12G Riptide: not present  
U13G Thunder: Jodi Brudno Dormier  
U14G Tigers: not present

### In-Town Directors/Committees

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

Rockaway Twp Day : Jill Willson  
Uniforms: Matt Bianchi

### 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](mailto:secretary@rtsa.org)) – Gulay Loder**

Motion to approve the amended minutes from March Meeting: Motion/ Carmen Second/ Jill

**\*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](mailto:Treasurer@rtsa.org)) – Sharon Peters**

Opening Balance.....\$5,669.43  
Deposits.....\$2,026.00  
Checks.....\$6,392.23  
Closing Balance.....\$1,303.20

**Vice President's Report ([VicePresident@rtsa.org](mailto:VicePresident@rtsa.org)) – Sylvia Kirkpatrick**

- Registration for fall opening
- Travel sign ups are CLOSED on May 14<sup>th</sup> deadline. No one will be allowed to walk on or register after the date has been set

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

April 25, 2012

Booster Report By: Jamie Browne

**Picture Day was April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Everything went smoothly. Thank You Carmen, Jill, Diane and anyone else who helped out for all your help.

There were @ 350 individual pictures taken.

Spirit wear sales brought in around \$900.

Little Caesar's brought in around \$500.

**End of season gifts** were decided on. Trophies for Rec. and Valley. T-shirts and shorts for Travel.

**Spring Kick-Off Raffle** is in full swing. Will try to do collections every other week or so. Would greatly appreciate encouragement from Division Directors to help organize collections. Tickets can also be dropped-off or picked- up at my home.

**Masse Mundi Scholarship** recipients were chosen. 2 from Morris Hills, 2 from Morris Knolls.

**RTSA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing** is coming up Friday, May 11. We are still waiting for more donations. We will start putting together baskets for Tricky Tray style raffle and door prizes. Lawn signs should be popping up around town regarding the Golf Outing. Please spread the word.

**Booster agreed on covering costs for "F" licensing**, which is necessary for Travel coaches. We are also considering covering costs for "E" licensing, max 8 per year.

We also discussed possibilities of a Premier League in Rockaway Twp.

**Al SinClair: RTSA making a donation for \$100 to NJYS in his name that will go toward he funding of a scholarship. Al SinClair was NJYS President for 13 years with several other positions within the program. He was well regonized and loved being involved in soccer. He visited our Association last spring with some great information about NJYS. He will be greatly missed.**

## **President's Report ([President@rtsa.org](mailto:President@rtsa.org)) – Jill Wilson**

April 25, 2012 – President Report

Injuries/ Accidents Reporting: Any time a player has an injury whether it is something minor or needs medical attention; there are two reports that should be completed within a day or two of the incident. A Coach should contact me or their Division Director right away. There is a Coach report form and a parent form that will be submitted to the township for record keeping. It will also allow for a secondary insurance if necessary at a later date. All players within RTSA from Rec, Valley and Travel are members of NJYS. That is a third insurer if needed.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, RTSA's U17 boy's team had an injury at Norway Field. One of the players was pushed off of the sideline and hit his head on one of the light poles. The player was unconscious for a minute or so and was rushed to the hospital. Luckily, the player is okay considering and was restricted from play for about 2 weeks only. My concern and frustration was that the referees did not make any call at the time and claim they did not see the blatant push that I did. I am completing a report to the State being that this was a State Cup game in hopes that they send a message to their referees to take better cautions on the field. I am fortunate that at this game, the fans included the Morris Hills Varsity Coach who was standing close enough to witness the same thing I did. He has provided me with a report to include as well. The day after, we measured the distance from where the player was pushed. He traveled 11' before hitting the pole with his head, to me, that is a sign of an aggressive action. The next day, Rockaway Township covered all of the poles with padding to be pro-active, however, in 18 years, since the lights have been installed, there has never been an incident recorded such as this. Another sign that this particular incident should have a penalty of some kind.

May RTSA Meeting: Mayor Lou Sceusi will be in attendance at the RTSA May meeting on 5/30. He will be drawing the winning tickets for our raffle. He will also be present to acknowledge all of RTSA's Mentorship Program attendees.

Last night, I was present at the Council Meeting. I did not put my name on the agenda this time because of a full house from RT baseball and issues they brought to the Council. After the meeting, the Mayor shared an architectural drawing with me that displayed 2 soccer fields being planned for old golf course. There will be a time and place that we will need to make a presence when it comes to a decision on how they will allocate those fields. One will definitely be a soccer field only; the other will be shared or given to (possibly) lacrosse. I will be attending more council meetings in order to persistently ask for review of player registration, team numbers and hours needed in order to prove our case and hopefully attain both of those fields. We are also considering the other fields we have, such as Hudsonia. There may have to be a trade off somewhere with our request for the 2 future fields to be slotted only for the soccer program. I will be looking for some help in our planning. I don't believe crowding a room at a Council meeting is the right answer to go in the right direction, but if we plan out agendas with information that we can speak with in front of Council, I believe we will have a bigger voice so that they evaluate these issues more fairly.

## **Director of field Operations & Development ([FieldOperations@rtsa.org](mailto:FieldOperations@rtsa.org)) – Dave Wilson**

Eco Lawns preformed first application of field treatment

Guardrail is complete.

Fencing by A Better Fence Company complete.

Gather prices from different contractors to grade low areas with top soil and seed .

Work to be performed after last game.

## **Head Referee's Report ([HeadReferee@rtsa.org](mailto:HeadReferee@rtsa.org)) – John Olsen**

We have a good group of referees over 24, all but a few running without assistance. Therefore the biggest challenge is getting ref's assigned enough to keep their interest as there are only 9 games requiring referees. We have another crop waiting for next season to go through training and Rutgers so there is a nice queue of referees coming up as well.

Only those referee who have responded with availability have been assigned and this is working out well as more than half of the 24 have not provided availability. Conflicting schedules so having a big group provides some advantages.

We have about 12 to 15 referees who routinely provide availability and those are the ones getting matches.

Have not heard of any complaints about the refs or the parents and coaches from the refs – so all is good there.

#### **Travel Director's Report ([TravelDirector@rtsa.org](mailto:TravelDirector@rtsa.org)) – Rick Suntag**

There haven't been any MCYSA meetings in the past month, so not much to report:

- Coaches - If you still have an unscheduled home or away games - please get it scheduled or they will become a double-forfeit
- With the recent rain plus state cup reschedules and county cup games, we have a large number of non-Sunday games to play. Some of them will need to be played mid-week and this will negatively affect practice time. Please be understanding - we have to get these games in, there are limited Friday / Saturday game slots, and not all opponents are willing / able to play on Friday / Saturday.
- Reminder to coaches - Other than league cup scheduling and game results which you should email to Ernie Zavala and CC to me and Dave Wilson, you should never be contacting league officials directly unless they email you first. MCYSA wants all contacts coming through club officials.

#### **Director of Soccer Operations' Report ([SoccerOperations@rtsa.org](mailto:SoccerOperations@rtsa.org)) Ray Hogrelius**

All equipment is there, everythings good

#### **Head Coach's Report & Training ([HeadCoach@rtsa.org](mailto:HeadCoach@rtsa.org)) – Nitin Daniels**

No report

#### **Rec Director Report: ([recdirector@rtsa.org](mailto:recdirector@rtsa.org)) Tom Nolan**

International will be having discussions about co-ed teams..otherwise no complaints

#### **In Town Directors' Reports**

**Soccer Pals – Pre-K ([SoccerPals@rtsa.org](mailto:SoccerPals@rtsa.org)) – No Report.**

**American A - K ([AmericanA@rtsa.org](mailto:AmericanA@rtsa.org)) – locks needed for sheds**

**National Boys – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** ([NationalBoys@rtsa.org](mailto:NationalBoys@rtsa.org)) – No Report.

**National Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** ([NationalGirls@rtsa.org](mailto:NationalGirls@rtsa.org)) – No Report.

**International Boys and Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade** ([InternationalBoys@rtsa.org](mailto:InternationalBoys@rtsa.org)) – No Report.

**Rockaway Valley** ([RockawayValley@rtsa.org](mailto:RockawayValley@rtsa.org)) – Joe Gajda

No Report.

## Committee Reports

**Communications / website** ([webmaster@rtsa.org](mailto:webmaster@rtsa.org)) – David Gavito  
The website is covered in the golf outing info!!! Check it out!

**Uniform Committee-** no report

**Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship** ([MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org](mailto:MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org)) – Jill Wilson  
Congratulations to Morris Knolls students Ally Berkowitz who won 1<sup>st</sup> place, and Michelle Mikhno who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Morris Hills students Rachel Suntag for 1<sup>st</sup> place and Kristen Randolph for 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Massie Mundi Scholarships. Awards will be given out at our monthly meeting in June to the recipients.

**MVP Program-** there have been a few conflicts with some teams. High School travel teams would also like to participate. Certificates will be given out in the monthly RTSA meeting on the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to all players and teams who have participated in the mentoring program. Mayor Sceusi will also be there.

## Old Business

Nominations for Travel Coach for the 2012/2013 season:

Originally the U8 girls Coach was Sue Gordimer; however, since the last meeting she realized that her daughter is actually age appropriate for U09 girls. The nomination is being withdrawn.

A new nomination for next season, is Mike Pascale for the U08 Girls team.

## New Business

Elected coaches for the 2012-2013 Rockaway Township Travel (secretary casts one vote)

U8 G- Mike Pascale	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U8 B- None	
U9G- James Haag	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U9B- None	
U10G- Carmen Weisberger	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U10B Terence Ferguson	Secretary Casts 1 Vote

U11G-Nitin Daniels	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U11 B Rich Gill	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U12G-Terri Rosenski	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U12B Matt Bianchi	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U13G- Derek Lee	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U13B John Olson	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U14 Girls Matt McConnell	Secretary Casts 1 Vote
U14 B –Nils Johannson	Secretary Casts 1 Vote

October we will have U15 or higher age teams for Travel – Spring 2013 teams

Motion to adjourn –Joe second/ Tom