



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

Minutes of the Meeting for Sept- 2012

Meeting held on Sept 17, 2012

At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION

RTSA President:	Jill Wilson	Director Soccer Op:	Colin Browne
RTSA Vice-President:	Sylvia Kirkpatrick	Director Field Op:	<i>not present</i>
RTSA Treasurer:	<i>not present</i>	Travel Director:	Rick Suntag
RTSA Secretary:	<i>not present</i>	Head Coach:	<i>not present</i>
		Head Referee:	John Olsen
Booster President:	<i>not present</i>	Recreation Director:	<i>not present</i>
Booster Vice-President:	<i>not present</i>		
Booster Treasurer:	Jill Wilson	RV Director:	Joe Gajda
Booster Secretary:	<i>not present</i>	RT Soccer Liason:	<i>not present</i>

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B: N/A	U08G: Michael Pascale, Jenn Starr
U09B Warriors: <i>not present</i>	U09G KFC: Jim Haag
U10B Thistle: <i>not present</i>	U10G Revolution: Mark Rodriguez, Kim Brookes
U11B Wolverines: Rich Gill	U11G Freedom: Dave Gavito
U12B Sharks: Andy Grilk	U11G Renegades: <i>not present</i>
U13B Dragons: John Olsen	U12G Riptide: <i>not present</i>
U14B Raiders: Shelly Errante	U14G Thunder: Matt McConnell

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi:	Jill Wilson	
Communications:	Dave Gavito	Uniforms: <i>not present</i>

General Attendees:

Recreation/RV:
 Laura Floody – RV Girls A
 Andy Grilk – IB4
 Rich Lampmann – Pals 6
 Scott Bourdon – AA1/NB6
 Kim Brookes – NG2
 Colin Browne – IB1
 Keith Thompson – RVSL Boys

*** 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 7:06 PM by President, Jill Wilson

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

August Minutes not complete yet – will be presented for the next meeting. No motion.

Motion to approve the minutes from August Meeting: Motion/_____ Second/ Ray_____

***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

Opening Balance:	\$3,770.35
Deposits	\$ 45.00
Checks:	\$3,250.00
Balance:	\$ 565.35

Coaches received \$100 for the start of the season (travel division) ref fees. Still waiting for monies to be received by township in order to disperse full amount. Valley Coaches were sent in full.

Jr. refs will be paid in thirds this season. Forms from games must go to Joelle Ciccia for payment after games.

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

- Season has started.
- International Division trainer, have received very supportive comments
- Uniforms ran a little big but are okay
- teams are all broken down
- sign ups for Spring will be open around Nov. 1
- Valley will have a maximum number of players on sign ups then will go to a wait list
- pink shoe laces can be purchased for the month of October for cancer awareness. Boosters will reimburse up to \$2.00 per player

Boosters' Report (Boosters@rtsa.org) –Audra Miller – President; Michelle Reilly – VP, Jill Wilson – Treasurer, Diane Palma – Sec'y,

For October, any teams wanting to purchase pink shoe laces to support Cancer awareness month, Boosters will reimburse up to \$2.00 per player. Must submit a receipt.

Picture day is Saturday, Sept 29th. Compiling volunteer list with Travel parents to cover the Booster table for spiritwear, Little Ceasar's pizza pick up and form collection.

Applebee's pancake breakfast is Saturday, October 20th

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

(reported last)

Player Evaluation/ Report card forms were distributed. Coaches that were present discussed the purpose of the form and that it will be mandatory for Travel Coaches this season. Rockaway Valley to consider and Rec Coaches to consider and be able to understand how Travel Try-out evals are based on the same numbering system.

It was explained that many of the comments and questions received by parents during the season, is that the coaches are very complimentary to players but they don't really feel that players know specifically what they should work on or focus on to become a better soccer player. The report card form will be helpful towards the motivation of players and will allow for individual construction criticism. This form will also help parents and coaches understand how evaluations overall are scored, especially during travel try outs.

Coaches should complete these forms and distribute between the 5th and 8th game of their season.

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

Norway is looking good!

County Cup games are being scheduled so we may have to shift practice schedules where necessary. An email will be sent to any teams affected.

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

No report.

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

GAME DAY CONDUCT – hand out was distributed and talks about how Spectators and Coaches should conduct themselves on and off the field at a soccer game. It also talks about your responsibility and role as a Coach, fan and parent. Please read this information!

Game Day Conduct

Spectators

Spectators should be situated on the opposite side of the field as the players and should remain 5 yards (if possible) back from the touch line, both to give players space to play and to create a separation between participants and spectators. Spectators should not be behind the goal lines unless in a stadium with seating at that location. Spectators should be cheering for their own team. Spectators should refrain from making negative remarks about any players on either team, the coaches, and the referees. Spectators should not be coaching players.

Coaches are held responsible by MCYSA for the behavior of their spectators. Coaches need to create a positive atmosphere for spectators – keep them cheering and make sure everyone understands that negative comments and coaching are not acceptable behavior. It's been our history that teams who have coaches who like to scream develop fans who show bad behavior. The coaching staff should be setting the example of proper behavior. If there are ANY ISSUES with spectators that isn't easily resolved – please notify traveldirector@rtsa.org and president@rtsa.org and we will deal with them.

Coaches

Coaches are to remain in the technical area – not marked on most fields, but the area on your half of the field from the midfield line extending about 10 yards towards the 18 yard line on your side of the field. Coaches should remain 2 yards back from the touchline to give the assistant referees a clear view of the field and a clear path to run the sideline. Tactical instruction to players should come from one coach at a time. Coaches may cheer for or give instruction to their players, but must refrain from making negative remarks to the referee, opponents, opposing coach, or their own players. If it's not positive, don't say it.

- Stay in your technical area – do not cross midfield to your opponent’s bench area. Do not go down to the 18 yard line when the ball is there. Even at U8, your players will be able to hear you from your own technical area, no matter where on the field they are.
- Do not enter the field at any time unless called by the referee (generally after an injury)
- If you’re in a heated **game**, do not have conversations with the opposing coaches (ie – your players are dirty, etc..). There is nothing to gain from this and the temperature of the situation can only escalate. Keep the conversation down to “good **game**” and a handshake at the end.
- Be respectful of the referee. Every year, MCYSA loses a large number of referees, mainly because of the abuse they receive from coaches. Yelling at a referee over a call is not going to make him or her change the call and it is not going to win you the next close call. If anything, the opposite will occur. Referees are instructed to “Ask, Tell, Remove” –
 - If a situation arises where there is irresponsible behavior, ASK the person(s) to stop
 - If there is another occurrence of irresponsible behavior, TELL (insist) them to stop
 - If the non-accepted actions continue, REMOVE the person immediately.
- MCYSA discipline rules provide for suspensions and fines (minimum \$100) to coaches who can’t behave within the rules. Suspensions and fines are both doubled if the referee is under 18. Please note that this is serious stuff and it does happen, and it has happened to RTSA coaches. Note also:
 - Coach discipline points are cumulative throughout a season. If a coach receives a caution in **game 1** and another in **game 9**, that coach likely will be suspended and fined.
 - Referees do not necessarily have to show a caution to a coach to “book” the coach. Under FIF, coaches are not shown cards. NJYS modifies this rule to allow cards to coaches, but a referee, especially a young one who might feel intimidated by an adult coach, can still “book” you with a **game** report write-up.

Post-Game reports

After each **game**, you must report the **game** result to both MCYSA and RTSA. If there was a behavioral problem with the opponent or a problem with the referee, the **game** report is your official mechanism to have it dealt with. All **game** reports are read.

On the RTSA **game** report – “Illegible”, “Can’t Read”, and “Didn’t fill out” are not acceptable referee names. When the referee gives you your copy of your opponent’s roster / **game** card before the **game**, it’s your responsibility to make sure the referee properly filled it out and that you can read what was written. If not – get it fixed before the **game** begins.

Anything atypical that happens at a **game** must be reported on the RTSA **game** report. Anything major must also be communicated ASAP (same day as **game**) either via email (traveldirector@rtsa.org) or phone [973.615.0033](tel:973.615.0033). Major would include injuries, any discipline issues involving non-players, player red cards.

Rule 1.19 Coach and Spectator **Conduct**

- Coaching is to be done within the area as prescribed by the *MCYSA –this Handbook*. This means that coaches must remain in the technical area and may convey tactical instructions to players during the **game**. Leaving or running the length of the touchline will not be permitted. Encouraging and complimenting players is definitely permissible.
- Good sportsmanship is a major objective both on and off the field. MCYSA will take disciplinary action against coaches and clubs who have fan behavior problems. The players, spectators, referee, or assistant referees must not be subjected to poor behavior from the sidelines. If the referee does not get the cooperation of those at the **game** to **conduct** themselves in a sporting manner, the referee may terminate the match. The circumstances will be reported to the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and the Senior Referee.
 - Spectators should stand back from the touchline at least five (5) yards.
 - No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted at League **games**.

Rule 1.20 Approaching Game Officials

- A) Coaches, assistant coaches, other club personnel and spectators are not be permitted to enter the playing field to approach the game officials before, during, at halftime or at the conclusion of any MCYSA game. Game officials will report such behavior, which will be subject to League disciplinary action.
- B) Club staff or spectators shall not confront game officials in the parking area or any area surrounding the field/complex. Gameofficials will report such behavior, which will be subject to League disciplinary action.

Rule 1.21 Post Game Procedures

- A) Handshake
 - 1) The post-game hand shake at the halfway line between opposing teams and coaches is a soccer tradition. It will be observed in MCYSA.

Director of Soccer Operations' Report (SoccerOperations@rtsa.org) Jose Santiago

Size 5 soccer balls for U14 Girls and size 4's for U11 Girls.

Clipboard for Wayne also.

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

Goalie Training is being offered for 4 weeks at Hudsonia field on Saturdays. Starts this weekend – sign-ups are open until Friday and it is first come first serve.

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

Label the lock boxes at Peterson Field.

RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) Joe Gajda

No report.

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

Committee Reports

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

No report.

Uniform Committee- Matt Bianchi

No report.

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

No report.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

No new business.

Motion to adjourn – 8:09PM Sylvia K – Second/ Jim Haag