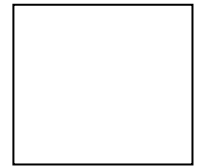
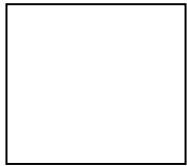


Minutes of the Meeting for August 2013

Meeting held on August 28, 2013

At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION

RTSA President: Jill Wilson
RTSA Vice-President: Sylvia Kirkpatrick

Director Soccer Op: Colin Browne
Director Field Op: Dave Wilson

RTSA Treasurer: Mary Pace
RTSA Secretary: Shelly Errante

Travel Director:
Head Coach: Rich Gill
Head Referee:

Booster President:

Recreation Director: Tom Nolan

Booster Vice-President:
Booster Treasurer: Jill Wilson
Booster Secretary: Not Present

RV Director: Joe Gajda
RT Soccer Liason: Not Present

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B: Rage: Colin Browne
U09B: Rebels: Mark Manz
U10B Warriors: Colin Browne
U11B: Thistle: Terrance Ferguson
U12B Wolverines: Rich Gill
U13B: Sharks: Tom Nolan
U14B: Dragons: Jim Haag

U08G Crossfire: Kim Brookes
U09G Herrericanes: Mike Pascale/Michael Pascale Jr
U10G: KFW: Jim Haag/Sylvia Kirkpatrick
U10G: Starz: Rich Gordon/Shelly Errante
U11G Revolution:
U12G Freedom: Dave Gavito
U13G Renegades: Teri Rosenski
U14G Riptide: Jenny Lee

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi: Jill Wilson
Communications: Dave Gavito

Uniforms:

General Attendees:

Michelle Dwning
Darlene Miller
Adam Power

Michelle Grilk
Hal Mordkoff

*** 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.*

Secretary's Report (secretary@rtsa.org) – SHELLY ERRANTE

Meeting brought to order at 7:10 PM by President, Jill Wilson

Motion to approve the minutes from July Meeting: Motion/ __Rich G____ Second/ Dave G____

***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) – Mary Pace

Balance on hand as of July 31, 2013	\$ 7,387.26
Receivables	\$ 00
Disbursements	\$ 6,927.11
Balance on hand as of August 28, 20	\$ 460.15

Disbursements:

- Check order: \$45.11
- Travel Coaches for their Ref Fees: \$4,502.00
- Rockaway Valley coaches for their Ref Fees: \$2,795.00

Submitted a reimbursement for Rockaway Recreation for \$2,795.00
Four Recreation Refs have not cashed their checks yet

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

- 332 players registered
- 132 Rockaway Valley players, 5-8th grade, 1 high school team
- 211 Travel players remaining are Rec players
- Worse year for late registrants
- Can't keep adding players after shirts are ordered and teams are made
- This is the first time we have had enough coaches
- Thank you to Rich Gordon and Rick Suntag for helping with carding process

Boosters' Report (Boosters@rtsa.org) – Jamie Browne - President

- Boosters is working on organizing a concession stand at Norway on Sundays for travel home games. Teams helping run the stand will share in the proceeds to help offset tournament fees and expenses. Details of the concession stand can not be finalized until MCYSA posts the schedule with times
- Picture day is October 5th at Dwyer School. The schedule for picture day cannot be completed until the Rec. game schedule is completed. Once the Rec. schedule is completed, Randi Epstein can complete the picture schedule
- A bake sale is in the process of being organized for picture day. Any travel team that would like to offset their tournament fees and expenses is invited to participate. Bake sale participation requires 100% team involvement for participation
- Spirit wear will also be sold on picture day. Spirit wear is posted on the RTSA website for anyone who would like a preview
- Boosters is looking to do another Applebee's fundraiser in late winter/early spring to cover coach's shirt costs, and a Red Bulls ticket fundraiser to offset Travel Uniforms for the Spring
- We are planning another raffle fundraiser for the spring season. Proceeds will go to our field improvements account
- Golf outing-change of venue being looked at
- Rec. jerseys have been ordered & should be in soon
- Also, RV jerseys have been ordered and should be in soon

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

- Propose changing the Head Coaches title to "DOC – Director of Coaching".
- MVP for Fall – tentative schedule is complete. Will begin on September 28th. Schedule will be sent out to Coaches by email.

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

- Would like to keep Mall Field closed for the Fall season, water is hooked up
- Ordered extra grass seed for Norway Field
- Norway - small sided games only through October
- Tree not in yet, waiting for back fill
- Golf Course – Progress is being made!
- Clean up at Norway and Mall Field will be in September

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

- No Report

- 2/3 of our teams have missed the carding deadline (Sun 8/25). None had asked for help so the assumption was all would be finished on time. This is extremely disappointing as it is unreasonable to expect our DC to process all our paperwork after deadline and still have it ready for the season. Any team that is late is risking not having their passes in time for game 1 which would mean a forfeit, a fine, and responsibility to pay both sides of the referee fees for an un played game. Teams which have forfeits are ineligible to be declared a flight winner
- PCNs - To the teams with PCNs to schedule - PLEASE get them scheduled. MCYSA is pushing us to get the games scheduled ASAP. There is no excuse for these games to NOT be scheduled before the season starts since teams will have had over 3 weeks. Any home PCNs that remain unscheduled by the first Sunday of the season, I will take over / schedule directly with Dave and your opponent. You have ample time until then to get it done - so get it done.
- There are over 2900 games on the fall schedule. MCYSA has made it clear that they do not want to hear directly from coaches or parents. All communications needs to go through official channels with me as the primary contact and Jill as the secondary if I am unavailable. PLEASE make sure the parents on your team understand this. If there are ANY issues / concerns about an incident at a game, please send all communications to me. I will deal with the league.
- Score reporting - Many teams (league wide) have not been reporting scores or delaying reporting scores. This should be done the day of the game or at the latest, the following day. There are zero excuses for not getting it done. Be as detailed in the game reports as possible. Keep reports fact based and professional. Saying that the "referee was horrible" is opinion and will be ignored. State only facts.
- Last season, league wide, there were 25 forfeits and over \$5500 in fines doled out. Both are record highs. Both unfortunately included Rockaway teams.
- Schedules - Schedules are due to be published by the end of this week, but could be delayed further. As of Monday, 3 clubs had not returned their home schedules to the league and 8 flight schedules need to be completely re-worked because of teams dropping out or registering at the wrong age group.
- MCYSA lost a large group of referees - high school seniors who graduated / went to college. There will be a lot of new referees this season including a larger number than usual of adult referees....so if you have an adult referee at your game, do not assume they are an experienced referee.
- League Cup (U13-U14) - Teams have been emailed directly by the league. RTSA Boosters will cover all costs involved

- **Application deadline date is 09/11 and draw will be 09/13**
- First round must be completed by 09/27
- Second round must be completed no later than 10/11
- Third round must be completed by 10/25
- Finals will be held on 11/2 in one location
- State Cup / National Championship Series - U11 thru U14 teams may apply at the NJYS website. These tournaments are only recommended for our strongest teams as they will include regional and national level teams, but all RTSA U11s thru U14s may apply. Boosters will cover the fees. Note that state cup games are *always* played on Sundays and take precedence over all league games - Your regularly scheduled Sunday game will be postponed. State Cup game will be played at 1PM and other games will be rescheduled around the state cup game. Note that if your team draws an away game, your opponent can be anywhere in NJ and that you potentially could have a 3 hour one way drive.
- NJYS updates - Expectation is cost per player for 2014-2015 will go up about \$2 / year. Fee will be pushed down to MCYSA who will push it down to us. This year there will be an 8v8 bracket for U11s and U12s playing state cup. At some point in the future, possibly as soon as the 2014-2015 season, I expect MCYSA will either offer 8v8 for U11-U12 or move exclusively to 8v8. This has been a USYS recommendation for 10+ years and most of the county plays small sided through U12. The state is reconsidering the rule that does not allow small sided teams to travel out of state to competitive tournaments. Frankly, it's a stupid rule as they pretend to not notice leagues like MCYSA which post scores / give away trophies at U8-U10, but won't allow those same teams to travel out of state for tournaments such as the Hershey Cup.
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Director of Soccer Operations' Report (SoccerOperations@rtsa.org) Colin Browne

- Gave out Rockaway Valley equipment
- Working on passing out Rec equipment
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Head Coach's Report & Training (HeadCoach@rtsa.org) – Rich Gill

- Pequannock Fall Classic is taking registrations now
- Training scheduled to start on September 3rd
- Parents 1 – **PLEASE STOP COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES! LET COACHES DO THEIR JOBS!**

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

- Ready to start season
- Practice schedules have been set
- 9/3 equipment will be given out
- 9/15 Coaches meeting

RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) -Joe Gajda

- Season ready to start
- We have 9 teams
- How many hours do we get trainers?

Committee Reports

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

- Twitter is back on the website
- Putting together more social networks for RTSA

Uniform Committee- Matt Bianchi

- Travel – If you ordered, they are here

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

- No Report

Golf Outing – Dave Wilson

- Looking to change Golf Outing to Black Bear on Route 15
- **Looking for someone the Chair the Golf Outing**

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Rick Suntag suggests trying to plan a “scrimmage fest” for U8 teams only, in June to introduce the travel program to them

Motion to adjourn – 8:40 PM Dave G – Second/ Rich G