



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

Minutes of the Meeting for January - 2014

Meeting held on January 29, 2014

At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION

RTSA President: Jill Wilson
 RTSA Vice-President: Tom Nolan
 RTSA Registrar: Sylvia Kirkpatrick
 RTSA Treasurer: Mary Pace
 RTSA Secretary: Shelly Errante

Director Soccer Op: Colin Browne
 Director Field Op: Rich Gordon
 Travel Director: Rick Suntag
 Head Coach: Rich Gill
 Head Referee: John Olsen
 Recreation Director: *Not Present*

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

RV Director: Joe Gajda/Darlene Miller
 RT Soccer Liason:

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B Rage: Tom Nolan/Colin Browne
 U09B Rebels:
 U10B Warriors: Colin Browne
 U11B Thistle: Terry Ferguson
 U12B Wolverines: Rich Gill
 U13B Sharks: Matt Bianchi/Tom Nolan
 U14B Dragons: John Olsen/Jim Haag
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 U16B Eagles: Jill Wilson
 U19B Eagles: Jill Wilson

U08G Crossfire: Kim Brookes
 U09G Herrricanes: Robert Carmagnola
 U10G Starz: Rich Gordon/Shelly Errante
 U10G KFW: Jim Haag/Sue Gordimer/Sylvia Kirkpatrick
 U11G Revolution: Mark Rodrigues/Kim Brookes
 U12G Freedom: Dave Gavito
 U13G Renegades: Teri Rosenski/Matt Bianchi
 U14G Riptide: Jenny Lee

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi: Jill Wilson
 Communications: Dave Gavito

Uniforms: Matt Bianchi

General Attendees:

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*** 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 7:02 PM by President, Jill Wilson

RTSA – MVP Program:

This month's meeting started with a presentation of certificates and tee shirts to the RTSA – MVP Mentors. Also in attendance, Mayor Michael Dachisen who helped our Coaches distribute and applaud all of the mentors that attended the program from Fall 2013. Almost all 98 travel players came to show their pride in their accomplishment. The "MVP" program has become a great way for our travel players to be leaders to the youngest soccer players in the RTSA Club.

Secretary's Report (secretary@rtsa.org) – Shelly Errante

Motion to approve the minutes from November Meeting: Motion/Dave G Second/Tom N

(No December Meeting)

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer@rtsa.org) – Mary Pace

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| Balance on hand as of November 21, 2013 | \$3,542.15 |
| Receivables | \$9,457.00 |
| Disbursements | \$2,277.97 |
| Balance on hand as of January 29, 2014 | \$10,721.18 |

Receivables:

- \$9,362.00 reimbursements from the 2013 RT budget
- \$95.00 returned from RT Valley coach for unused referee fees

Disbursements:

- Check order
- Postage
- MCYSA Spring 2014 fees
- Rockaway Valley 2013 Spring and Fall fees

Vice President's Report (VicePresident@rtsa.org) – Tom Nolan

No Report

Registrar's Report (Registrar@rtsa.org) – Sylvia Kirkpatrick

- Travel Registration will open in Mid February
- There will be no "playing up" in Recreation Division, Grade appropriate only

Booster's Report (Boosters@rtsa.org) – Jamie Browne

- Next Booster Meeting will be Sunday, February 9th

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

- Indoor tournament with Denville, Rockaway Township and Wharton will be Sunday, February 23rd at Morris Hills
- Board Members held annual Board Meeting in January
- There are 14 Board Members currently

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

- MCYSA spoke again about good discipline and they will be coming down hard on teams and coaches from now on
- MCYSA website is frozen for now & they are in middle of changing the site
- We will be going to small sided for U11. At the moment, its optional but its headed in that direction

Director Of Coaching (DOC@rtsa.org) – Rich Gill

- Get your teams in and off the gym on time during winter training

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

- Traded with Morris Knolls for Hudsonia during the Spring

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

- Need to use more experienced refs for indoor tournament
- Establish a more periodic pay schedule for the refs during the seasons
- Holding off having a new trainee course as we have too many refs, over 30 therefore, waiting for the current high schools seniors refs to age out then we can bring in new ones
- Increase introduction age to 14 as we are matching the MCYSA age increase

Director of Soccer Operations' Report (SoccerOperations@rtsa.org) Colin Browne

- Still didn't get all equipment back from teams
- Ordered new futsal balls

Rec Director Report: (recdirector@rtsa.org) Anthony Polito

- No Report

RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) Joe Gajda

- Season starts April 12, may have tournament on opening day \$100 donation per team to go to a charity
- 8 weeks of play for Spring

- Still doing regular carding as of now
- RVSL may change by-laws to allow RVSL play travel and vice versa

Committee Reports

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

- Travel coaches clinic up on website
- Summer Select try outs on website

MVP Program - Jill Wilson

- 98 players participated this past year
- Rich Gordon will head this up for 2014

Uniform Committee- Matt Bianchi

- Making transition to Puma this Fall

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

- Deadline to receive applications is April 12th

Golf Outing Committee – Dave Wilson

- Golf Outing is Friday, May 9th

Old Business

None

New Business

- Nominate Rich Gordon now the Director of Field Operations
 - Majority voted – approved
- Question by Rob Carmagnola “Do we have a spotter to look at kids in Rec that should play travel?” No we leave that up to the coaches to suggest

BY-LAW CHANGE PROPOSAL: Travel Coach Elections

- *Current By-Law:*
- **ARTICLE VII – TEAM HEAD COACHES AND REFEREES**
- **Section 2.** Travel Team Head Coaches shall be nominated in the March regular meeting, for election in the April regular meeting. Election is to be used to rank coaching pool of each division by number of votes. The Board of Directors will assign elected Travel Team Head Coaches to respective teams in accordance with the Travel Team Coach Selection Policy. Travel Team Head Coaches shall be elected for a term of one year commencing with the next season of play. If a travel team coach should resign, be expelled, or cease

to be member, a new coach will be selected by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term.

- The Head Coach of each Travel Team, will be responsible for representation at each monthly Association meeting. If representation of a travel team is not present for two (2) consecutive months, the Head Coach will be brought to the Board of Directors for suspension or termination as described in Article III – Section 4. Definition of a representative includes Coach, Assistant Coach or parent of a player that is carded to that team.
- *Proposed Change:*
- **ARTICLE VII – TEAM HEAD COACHES AND REFEREES**
- **Section 2.** Travel Team Head Coaches shall be nominated for a specific age group within the Travel Program Division during the March regular meeting where each nomination must accompany a completed *Volunteer Coach's Application* and a completed *NJYS KidSafe Disclosure Statement*, both of which will be available through RTSA, printable from the www.rtsa.org website. Each person nominated will have up to five (5) minutes to present themselves at the Regular meeting to the Board of Directors, during New Business, to state any relevant information for consideration of the Head Coaches position in which the nomination is for.
- The Board of Directors will have a closed meeting immediately following the March regular meeting and review the nominations to accept, approve or deny said Coach(s) for each and any age group, boys and girls teams, prior to the April regular meeting. In the case where there is more than one nomination for a specific age group, the Board of Directors will vote and elect said Coach by the majority. The Board may elect to hold a special meeting on a separate date and time in addition to the March meeting and shall have exclusive discretion to appoint coach(s) to teams they designate appropriate for the next season. Results will be announced at the April regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn – 9:05 PM Rich G – Second/ Tom N