



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



Minutes of the Meeting for March - 2014 Meeting held on March 26, 2014 At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township

ATTENDANCE / REPRESENTATION

RTSA President:	Jill Wilson	Director Soccer Op:	Colin Browne
RTSA Vice-President:	Tom Nolan	Director Field Op:	Rich Gordon
RTSA Treasurer:	Mary Pace	Travel Director:	Rick Suntag
RTSA Secretary:	Shelly Errante	Head Coach:	Rich Gill
RTSA Registrar:	Sylvia Kirkpatrick	Head Referee:	John Olsen
Booster President:	Jamie Browne	Recreation Director:	
Booster Vice-President:			
Booster Treasurer:	Jill Wilson	RV Director:	Joe Gajda/Darlene Miller
Booster Secretary:		RT Soccer Liason:	Bob Conlon, Lou Benfatti, Bill Thompson, Douglas Brookes

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B Rage: Tom.Nolan/Colin Browne	U08G Crossfire: Kim Brookes
U09B Rebels:	U09G Herricanes: Robert Carmagnola
U10B Warriors: Colin Browne	U10G Starz: Rich Gordon/Shelly Errante
	U10G KFW: Jim Haag/Sylvia Kirkpatrick
U11B Thistle: Terry Ferguson	U11G Revolution: Mark Rodrigues/Kim Brookes
U12B Wolverines: Rich Gill	U12G Freedom: Dave Gavito
U13B Sharks: Matt Bianchi/Tom Nolan	U13G Renegades: Teri Rosenski/Matt Bianchi
U14B Dragons: John Olsen/Jim Haag	U14G Riptide:
U18B Eagles:	U19G Lady Knights:

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi: Jill Wilson	
Communications: Dave Gavito	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 7:04PM by President, Jill Wilson

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

- **Board Members please email me your reports that you read for the monthly meetings. Thank you**
- Motion to approve the minutes from February Meeting: Motion/Matt B Second/Dave G

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

Balance	\$10,721.18
Receivables	\$ 0.00
Disbursements	\$ 6,755.00
Balance on hand as of January 29, 2014	\$ 3,966.18

Disbursements:

- \$ 245.00 MCYSA for additional team
- \$6,510.00 for Spring Referee Fees

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

- Nominations for coaches are tonight. If more than one person is running for a position, you will have 5 minutes to present yourself after the meeting to the Board. You should explain why you think you should be head coach for the next season.

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

- For Spring season we have 311 players registered and 35 volunteers
- Still need coaches for several teams. PAL has 7 teams and only 4 coaches
- 42 Registered so far for Travel for Fall/Spring

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

- Golf Outing is underway & information was given out to all coaches
- Medals for end of season for Rec & picnic & long sleeve t-shirts for travel
- April 28th is picture day for Recreation and Rockaway Valley League only, more info to follow

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

A huge Thank you to Rick Suntag who is still our Travel Director. Just want to recognize the amount of time Rick puts into his position and the efforts he makes to ensure the accuracy of our records with MCYSA and works hard at setting up for the season. Round of applause in appreciation for Rick!

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

- Schedules in progress
- Coaches start working on your PCN's
- Every team is encouraged to sign up for League Cup

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

- Cheshire will attend the April meeting to discuss try-outs in May. We'll go over the evaluations and explain how they should be completed. Head Coach and one assistant Coach will be allowed on the field to complete evaluations. (two separate evaluations)
- Referees will have zero tolerance to dissent by Coaches. Coaches will be carded – Ask, tell, remove.

Director of field Operations & Development (FieldOperations@rtsa.org) – Rich Gordon

- Went around to fields with Jim Haag & Colin Browne & tightened up goal nets and cleaned up. There is a lot of areas that aren't grown in on the fields but we did what we could

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

- No Report

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

- Just waiting for number of teams and I will get equipment bags together

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

- No Report/Not Present

RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) Joe Gajda

- Rockaway Valley Charity Tournament to be played in Jefferson on turf, \$75 per team on April 26th
- Still need a Boys Coach for 5/6th grade, we do have an assistant though

Committee Reports

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

- Website is up to date

MVP Program – Rich Gordon/Jill Wilson

- Will work on schedule for the Travel Teams once the PALS schedule is complete.
- Plan to have Edgar, Coastal Soccer, be present for all PALS sessions

Uniform Committee- Matt Bianchi

- All orders are in and fulfilled. Get your payments into me or Jill

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

- Deadline to receive applications is April 12th

Golf Outing Committee – Dave Wilson

- Signs have been posted. Packets have been given out to Coaches
- Golf Outing is Friday, May 9th

Old Business

None.

New Business

Rockaway Township Rec Committee Surveys –

Present at the meeting this month were members of the RT Rec Committee – Bill Thompson, Bob Conlon, Lou Benfatti and Brookes

The committee is reviewing financials from all programs within the township. Surveys were completed by each program within the township to show counts and costs. They are ensuring that the costs are justified in all age groups in the different sports programs. They will also be requesting amount of games and practices that are scheduled in each age group/division. Cost management is the primary reason for this review as some of the programs are experiencing reduced registrations in the recent years. High School Coaches have expressed that they would like to see the kids within the same district stay together to play within a sport and not separate the players for better experiences before reaching the high school years.

Fields in our township are a ‘nightmare’. Lacrosse has up to 400 players between Rockaway Township, Wharton, Denville and the Boro – more from the township than other within the program.

Investigating all program. Will this affect the funds that are allocated from the township? Demographics are going down as well in certain age groups. Are they looking to put sports programs back into the middle schools? Board of Education is discussing.

Lou Benfatti conducts seminars on the college recruiting process. Players are being viewed by Coaches from early grades and players should know what to expect in the process about committing to a college and how it should be handled.

Nominations for Coaches for Fall/Spring 2014/2015

U8 Girls – Robyn Bogert/Jonathan Sacket/ Denis Mulrooney

U8 Boys – Diane DeMilia

U9 Girls – Kim Brookes

U9 Boys – Rich Kirkpatrick/Tom Nolan

U10 Girls – Rob Carmagnola

U10 Boys – Mark Malatesta

U11 Girls – Jim Haag/Rich Gordon/Sylvia Kirkpatrick/Sue Gordimer for Assist. Coach

U11 Boys – Mauricio Medina

U12 Girls – Mark Rodriguez

U12 Boys – Terry Ferguson

U13 Girls – Fabio Perna

U13 Boys – Rich Gill

U14 Girls – Teri Rosenski

U14 Boys – Matt Bianchi

Motion to adjourn – 7:55 PM Joe G – Second/ Rich G