



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



## Minutes of the Meeting for May - 2014 Meeting held on May 21, 2014 At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township

### ATTENDANCE / REPRESENTATION

RTSA President:	Jill Wilson	Director Soccer Op:	Colin Browne
RTSA Vice-President:		Director Field Op:	Rich Gordon
RTSA Treasurer:		Travel Director:	Rick Suntag
RTSA Secretary:	Shelly Errante	Head Coach:	
RTSA Registrar:		Head Referee:	John Olsen
Booster President:		Recreation Director:	
Booster Vice-President:			
Booster Treasurer:	Jill Wilson	RV Director:	Joe Gajda
Booster Secretary:		RT Soccer Liason:	

### RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B Rage: Colin Browne	U08G Crossfire: Kim Brookes
U09B Rebels:	U09G Herricanes:
U10B Warriors: Colin Browne/Jason Epstein	U10G Starz: Rich Gordon/Shelly Errante
	U10G KFW: Jim Haag/Diane DeMilia/Sue Gordimer
U11B Thistle: Terry Ferguson	U11G Revolution: Mark Rodrigues/Kim Brookes
U12B Wolverines:	U12G Freedom:
U13B Sharks: Matt Bianchi	U13G Renegades: Teri Rosenski/Matt Bianchi
U14B Dragons: John Olsen/Jim Haag	U14G Riptide:
U19B Eagles:	U19G Lady Knights:

### In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi: Jill Wilson	
Communications:	Uniforms: Matt Bianchi Matt Bianchi

### General Attendees:

Darlene Miller

*\*\* 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 7:08 PM by President, Jill Wilson**

**Secretary's Report ([secretary@rtsa.org](mailto: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 April Meeting: Motion/Rich G. Second/Colin B.

**Treasurer's Report ([Treasurer@rtsa.org](mailto:Treasurer@rtsa.org)) – Mary Pace**

<b>Balance on hand as of April 30, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 2,271.18</b>
<b>Receivables</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Balance on hand as of May 21, 2014</b>	<b>\$ 2,231.18</b>

Notes:

**Reimbursement Pending from RT:**

- \$ 8,582.00 from Rockaway Township – submitted paperwork last month, waiting for check

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

- We are having another Executive Board Meeting for code of conduct violations and Coach Conduct issues. We've had a few too many of these this year. I just want to remind everyone that we volunteered to help children. We coach on a recreation level or travel level. We are not out to win the World Cup. This is not a job, nor is it the kid's profession. At the end of the day, it's about the kids having a good experience. Just keep that in mind the next time you do something that you have to think twice about

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

- No Report

**Boosters' Report ([Boosters@rtsa.org](mailto:Boosters@rtsa.org)) – Jamie Browne**

- No Report

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

- Scholarships & hardship cases will be addressed in special meeting after association meeting tonight

- There are still a number of unscheduled PCNs - both home and away. The season is half over and there is no excuse for these games not to be scheduled yet. If they are not scheduled soon, the league will be awarding double-forfeits to both teams involved (both teams will "lose" the game). This will include fines to the teams and the inability to be declared a flight winner. If you have an issue working with the opponent to get a game scheduled, let me know, otherwise, I expect all of these games to have times by the end of next week
- **From the MCYSA May 2014 meeting:**
- Only 2 forfeits so far league wide, but this will increase if PCNs are not scheduled
- There are many games with no scores reported - If a game has been played, make sure the score is reported
- After approximately 1200 games were played, there were only 550 coach reports instead of 2400 expected. You should be filling these out at MCYSA and RTSA after every game. Note that score reporting and game / referee reports are two different things
- 57 score conflict reports to date. Many people are reporting wrong game numbers and there are no referee reports and no coach reports so the league cannot resolve
- As of May 10 - 1200 or so games in, player cards -197 yellows. (242 last year at this point last year) 13 red (10 at this point last year) 2 caution / red (3 at this point) Coaches - 7 yellow (10), 1 red (2). 2CT 1 (0)
- Coach game reports - referee evals are read and used. League does not know about game incidents unless they hear them. Please include only facts, not opinion, i.e - Ref called a bad game is meaningless. So is "ref was one-sided". Useful comments would be more like - "Referee was on his cell phone during the game" or "referee did not give 2nd throw-in attempt for U10". You can add a bit of opinion with comments such as - "Referee allowed the game to get out of control / did not call enough fouls".
- NEVER EVER EVER phone any league official about league issues. Follow protocol - work through me or Jill
- July 15 registration cutoff for 2014-2015. Payment due July 22
- Scheduler - Anyone trying to schedule a game less than 8 days out must have the date approved by the games chair. Request must come from the home club league contact
- Do not send thank you emails for confirmations. The games chair & scheduler each receive upward of 200 soccer related emails a day. If 50 people send them "thank you for making this change", it's an extra hour of their time each day. The games chair has been moving "thank you" emails to a folder for tracking purposes and had received 1743 of them this season as of May 10.
- By fall, the league website will be back at [MCYSA.org](http://MCYSA.org) with old information archived. It will be much more complete - or so they tell us.
- League cup - There have been some rain outs but games are getting caught catching up. 72 hours notice is needed for scheduling. Yellow and red cards count / carry over from league to league cup and back.
- Scholarships - 10 girls and 6 boys apps so far. About half of normal. In review, by the April 15 deadline, they only had one app. If you know any rising seniors who played or refereed in MCYSA, have them apply next year
- From the head referee - We are not seeing over the top stuff from coaches we saw in past years. Much better. Get those evaluations in - no opinion stuff...give facts - doesn't

understand offside...let's too much go for us

- Raise in fees - first time in four years
- Website cost - \$6500 initial fee
- Ref fees will remain the same for another year
- Assignor fees \$7/\$4 full/small
- Trophies cost about \$14,000 each season
- New club for 2014-2015 approved - Totowa PAL. They will likely start with only 2 teams.
- MCYSA annual elections held for president, 2nd VP (discipline), registrar, and secretary. First 3 - incumbents ran unopposed. Secretary was contested ... and RTSA is now represented on the MCYSA board - I was elected secretary for the next 2 years.

#### **Director Of Coaching ([DOC@rtsa.org](mailto:DOC@rtsa.org)) – Rich Gill**

- No Report

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

- Travel try outs got moved to Christ Church – Colin, Tom, and Dave helped in checking fields very early that morning
- Mall Field has been looking pretty good
- New nets at Norway Field
- The nets at Germania Field were all put in the middle of the field by some random people at night

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

- Four weeks into the season, no complaints from referees about coaches or parents and vice versa
- After the substantial rain the other week, several referees commented that the lines on Germania were nearly invisible. I assume that Germania and the Mall were re-lined after the rain. Albeit it is supposed to pour again this Thursday
- All referees have been informed that there might be evaluators during their match and if they are considered “poor” by the evaluator; they will not receive additional games until they have discussed their shortcomings with the RTSA Head Referee and another RTSA Board Member. Continued poor performances will have the referee removed from the line-up until they repeat the referee course
- We have opted to pay the referees monthly, starting tonight April 30, 2014, all referees are encourage to bring their referee cards to any monthly meeting in order to be paid on the spot (after verification by the Head Referee). This was communicated in the opening season referee assignment email and recorded within the April minutes

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

- If anyone needs anything just let me know
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## Rec Director Report: ([recdirector@rtsa.org](mailto:recdirector@rtsa.org)) Anthony Polito

- **Report from Tom Nolan:** Season in motion
- We are moving American A to Christ Church for games
- Dwyer had a sink hole fixed
- The season will be over before we know it

## RVSL Director ([RockawayValley@rtsa.org](mailto:RockawayValley@rtsa.org)) Joe Gajda

- A lot of rain outs – 11 and there is no field time to make them up but I am working with Dave Wilson to get some. Maybe some other towns within RVSL will let us use their fields
- Next RVSL meeting is on Tuesday, May 27th

## Committee Reports

### Communications / website ([webmaster@rtsa.org](mailto:webmaster@rtsa.org)) – David Gavito

- No Report

### MVP Program – Rich Gordon

- Send me a list of MVP players & shirt sizes

### Uniform Committee- Matt Bianchi

- Uniform ordering will take place Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, July 2nd

### Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship ([MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org](mailto:MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org)) – Jill Wilson

- Applications were read & picked for winners for both Morris Knolls & Morris Hills

### Golf Outing Committee – Dave Wilson

- Final numbers will be out next month
- We lucked out with weather
- Course was beautiful, food was great

## Old Business

- Christ Church was a better place to have try outs
- There are quite a bit of make ups for travel try outs
- Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the dates to attend those practices of whoever couldn't attend try outs

## **New Business**

NONE.

Motion to adjourn – 8:15 PM Joe G – Second/ Rich G