



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



Minutes of the Meeting for July - 2014 Meeting held on July 30, 2014 At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township

ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION

RTSA President: Jill Wilson
RTSA Vice-President:
RTSA Treasurer: Mary Pace
RTSA Secretary:
RTSA Registrar:
Booster President:
Booster Vice-President:
Booster Treasurer: Jill Wilson
Booster Secretary:

Director Soccer Op: Colin Browne
Director Field Op:
Travel Director:
Head Coach: Rich Gill
Head Referee:
Recreation Director: Anthony Polito

RV Director/ Rep:
RT Soccer Liason: Douglas Brookes, Sr.

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B Xtreme: Diane DeMilia
U09B Rage: Colin Browne
U10B Rebels:
U10B Vipers: Jose Vadillo
U11B Warriors: Colin Browne/ Jason Epstein
U12B Thistle: Terrance Ferguson
U13B Wolverines: Rich Gill
U14B Sharks:

U08G Torandoes:
U09G Crossfire: Kim Brookes
U10G Herricanes: Rob Carmagnola
U11G Starz:
U11G Riptide: Jim Haag/Sue Gordimer
U12G Revolution: Mark Rodriguez
U13G Freedom: Dave Gavito
U14G Renegades: Teri Rosenski

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi: Jill Wilson
Communications:

Uniforms:

General Attendees:

Samantha Martin IG3
Mark Griff

*** 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 7:12PM 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 July Meeting: Motion/Colin B. Second/Mary P.

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

Balance on hand as of June 25, 2014	\$1,946.18
Receivables	\$8,642.00
Disbursements	(\$2,969.40)
Balance on hand as of July 30, 2014	\$7,618.78

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

Coaches, when you volunteer for this position, you have certain responsibilities and obligations that come with it. Most of them are clear, but the one that a lot of coaches seem to be missing is “You need to communicate with your team and the parents”. Communication isn’t just sending an email with your practice times and having the team parent send the game schedule. Communication is a two way street. You must relay information and coaching philosophies to the kids and their parents, but you must also LISTEN. Listen to your players. Are they enthusiastic? Are they responding to you or just following your orders? Are they complaining beyond the usual “Another lap or This drill again?”.

You also need to listen to your parents. Are they talking to you? There will always be a complainer, but is it more than one and is it about the same thing. Do they seem like they are ganging up on you? If you communicate with them, you will catch the issues early and have the ability to address them. If you ignore the issues, they will grow and it’ll be more than one parent chiming in.

We are for you. If you are having issues, or have a question, come to Jill or me. Let us help you. The earlier you talk to us, the better it is for you.

Travel Meeting.

New Rule proposed and passed. It was sent from Kyle Haddock to all the coaches I believe.

Law 12. Small Sided 8v8, Goalie from the defending goal area cannot distribute ball directly (not touched by another player) into the opponent’s penalty area. Restart is an indirect free kick within the defending teams penalty area.

There is a Mandatory Travel Coaches Meeting on September 3 at Eisenhower Middle School. 47 Eyland Ave in Succasunna. 7:30PM. Every team must have a rep there.

Schedules need to be completed by Thursday Aug 28 by the scheduler. Should be in the system by Labor Day.

PCN’s need to be scheduled by September 15th. Rick sent an email to all coaches. If not, he will schedule them.

Referee’s have been instructed to be a little more lenient and not banter with the coaches. They will still follow the ASK, TELL, CARD philosophy from last season, but they will try to walk away from the coach first. So BEHAVE!

There were a ridiculous amount of cards last year.

The MCYSA.org site was temporarily housed by Bonzi, it should move back to the MCYSA.org site after Sept 5th. Just in time for the season to begin. I recommend that you print your game cards before then. Game cards have been updated, old ones will not be accepted. You will need to learn how to navigate the new MCYSA site, so leave time for it.

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

- Over 400 players registered for Rec Divisions this season.

- Still in need of 2 Coaches for National Girls
- Rutgers Course is being confirmed for the end of September

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

- Fall Raffle – in process of renewing license, more info to follow

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

- Introduce Gary Vesper from Fitness Factory
 - See Gary's full presentation at the end of the minutes/ report
 - Gary had a torn ACL when he was younger and because of his experience, studied and learned about being proactive and avoiding injuries that are severe. Now teaches muscle strengthening, stretches and how to properly work out as an athlete. Build a plan for strengthening muscles to prepare your body to be active. This lessens injuries through growth. "Strength, confidence and progress"
- Congratulations to U14 Girls for winning the Roxbury tournament
- Field Operations Position is open
- September Meeting is changed to Monday, 9/29 due to the Jewish Holiday on 9/25

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

RTSA is looking for a "Bonzi Rep". Bonzi is the new web based system that MCYSA is using. Your responsibility would be data entry for all club and team contact information into the system as well as registering our teams with MCYSA each season. PLEASE contact me if you'd like to volunteer!

MCYSA is looking for people to volunteer to become district commissioners, or DCs. Jenny Lee is currently our DC but will be retiring at the end of the season. The league is short on DCs. If we don't find someone local to replace Jenny after her retirement, we will be assigned to a new DC, potentially someone 30 or more minutes' drive away.

Fall league cup has expanded to include U13s, so U11s through U13s should be signing up NOW. League Cup play is highly encouraged for any team in the middle to top half of flighting. U14s through D1 will play in Spring. Information at signups at the MCYSA web site.

Reminder - All games U11 and older must be officiated by a league assigned referee. In case of a referee no show, U8-U10 games can be officiated by anyone. The emergency referee assignor hotline # is on your game cards. In case of referee no show at any age group, one person from the home team should call the hotline to find out if a referee is on the way or not. For U11 and older, if no referee is coming - please do not play a "friendly" as there might be insurance issues.

Rule change for the fall for all small sided teams (U8-U11):

Law 12: Small Sided 8v8, Goalie from the defending penalty area cannot distribute ball directly (not touched by another player) into the opponent's penalty area

Restart: indirect free kick within the defending team's penalty area

Note the wording - "goalie from the defending penalty area cannot distribute". This includes punt, throw, goal kick, or pass. Also note that "directly" does not mean "on a fly". A goalie hitting a pass from inside his or her own penalty area that rolls across the entire field untouched by another player to the opponent's penalty area would be considered a violation. Also note that if the opponent gains clear control, ie - your goalie punts...two bounces into the opponent goalie's hands, referees have been instructed to "play on".

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

- Practice schedule is out Fall Travel Teams. Practice begins on 9/2

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

- Permits for Germania and the Mall will be distributed to Coaches. Must have on them at all times.

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

We have 20 rostered referees with several (four new people) and three current college students. Would like input from others as to whether we use these college referees. As there are only four new cadets in the mix – I think we will postpone the cadet training course till mid – late September in order to “get the word” out – there are multiple newbies that have contacted me but are not listed in the system.

Can we purge the 2013-2014 group from the system – it is creating duplicates on some of the reports I run out of the system. Referee shirts have been ordered - “gold” uniforms from the main vendor to reduce RTSA out of pocket costs.

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) Joe Gajda

- Open house went well
- NJYS membership will be sent – will need a receipt for RVSL
- Total of 11 teams this season
- Will send referee report for expenses to Mary so checks can be sent

Committee Reports

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

- No Report

MVP Program – Rich Gordon

- Planning on end of September to present players for volunteering in the MVP Program

Uniform Committee- Matt Bianchi

- Uniform orders should be in by the end of August.
- If any teams are in tournaments, use your old uniform.

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

- No Report

Golf Outing Committee – Dave Wilson

- No Report

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Motion to adjourn – Rich G – Second/ Joe G