



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

Minutes of the Meeting for September - 2014 Meeting held on September 29, 2014 At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION

RTSA President:
RTSA Vice-President: Tom Nolan
RTSA Treasurer:
RTSA Secretary: Shelly Errante
RTSA Registrar:
Booster President:
Booster Vice-President:
Booster Treasurer:
Booster Secretary:

Director Soccer Op: Colin Browne
Director Field Op:
Travel Director:
Head Coach: Rich Gill
Head Referee: John Olsen
Recreation Director:

RV Director: Joe Gajda
RT Soccer Liason:

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B Xtreme: Diane DeMilia
U09B Rage: Colin Browne/Tom Nolan
U10B Rebels:
U10B: Vipers: Jose Vadillo
U11B Warriors: Colin Browne/Jason Epstein
U12B Thistle:
U13B Wolverines: Rich Gill
U14B Sharks: Matt Bianchi
U19B Eagles:

U08G Tornadoes: Jonathan Sackett
U09G Crossfire: Kim Brookes
U10G Herricanes:
U11G Riptide: Jim Haag/Diane DeMilia
U11G Starz: Shelly Errante
U12G Revolution: Mark Rodriguez
U13G Freedom:
U14G Renegades:
U19G Lady Knights:

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi:
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 7:05 PM by VP, Tom Nolan

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 August Meeting: Motion/John O. Second/Rich G.

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

Balance on hand as of September 2014	\$ 7,371.78
Receivables	\$ 1,200.00
Disbursements	\$ 8,431.00
Balance on hand as of September, 2014	\$ 140.78

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

- Monthly Quote: “Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.” Marion Wright Edelman
- We are a month into the season. Hoping all of our teams are doing well.
- Our rec division is the biggest it has been in years. We had to come up with some creative solutions for the lack of coaches in the Nat Girls division, but it seems to be working out well. John Olsen will be running a referee class soon to add to his roster
- We ran into an issue with the goals being staked down for a travel game a couple weeks ago. The games were delayed 40 minutes because we didn't have stakes at the field. Since then, sheds have been put at the Mall and Hudsonia fields to keep the corner flags and extra stakes in. We are need of some volunteers to make sure the fields are set up on game days.
- We will be asking Joe and Darlene to get a crew of dads (or moms) to go to the game fields on Saturday mornings to make sure the fields are ready to go. They will be responsible to make sure the nets are in place, staked into the ground and the weights in place as well. They will also set up the benches and corner flags.
- We will also have a crew for travel games on Sundays that will come from the travel teams.
- Rich and Colin can't run around every week to do this

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

- No Report

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

- Our last Booster meeting had a large turn out. Boosters gave out pink shoelaces for Breast Cancer Awareness to any team who had representation at the September meeting. All Travel teams were represented. 17 out of the 38 Rec teams were represented. 7 out of the 11 Valley teams were represented.

- New coach's shirts were handed out at the meeting. Any coach that did not receive a shirt at the booster meeting was able to pick one up on picture day. There were a few sizes that we ran out of. Those are on order and should be available for pick up soon.
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- The Banner fundraiser has brought in \$1650 so far. Those sponsors are:
 - Fino Electric
 - Shoprite of Rockaway
 - Mario's Famous Pizza
 - The S3 Ad Agency of Boonton
 - Toohey Realty
 - Mr. Appliance of Morris County
- Webmaster, Dave Gavito has update our website re: sponsors.
- Jill Wilson is working with Sports Sign Up to have Gold Sponsors logo added to the bottom of all all outgoing emails
- Dave Wilson is still looking for a co-chairperson for the Golf Outing to take over for next year. This is his last year chairing...really
- The consensus for Rec and Valley end of season gifts was medals opposed to trophies. A few of the older Valley teams requested reimbursement towards a pizza party in lieu of medals
- Our gaming license has been renewed and a permit application has been submitted to have a cash prize raffle drawing at our November meeting. Books of (5) \$10 raffle tickets will be distributed to all teams on or about the third week of October and will be due back the second weekend in November
- Picture Day was this past Saturday. All went pretty smoothly. Spiritwear sales brought over \$2,200. All travel teams has representation for volunteer hours! Thank you travel parents!
- Even after several requests for volunteers to Rec and Valley, only 3 parents signed up to help. 2 of the 3, were parents who are also involved in travel. Any suggestions on engaging Rec and Valley parents are greatly welcomed!
- I was emailed regarding 1 team on picture day that had 3 players show up and no coaches. Still investigating...
- Diane Geveke, our Booster Secretary and parent on U9Rage is orchestrating a Red Bulls event. The more teams involved and tickets sold, the more RTSA and its players reap the benefits!! Contact Diane for further info. dgeveke1@verizon.net

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

- Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday - November meeting will be held on Wed, Dec 2nd. On this date, we will also invite the MVP's from spring to be recognized for their time and efforts with the PALS players. The winning tickets for the Fall raffle that will be distributed in October, will be called at this meeting also.
- Thank you to all who helped out at picture Day - especially Jamie Browne for getting everything organized and keeping it all together the day of
- Any general questions or concerns that anyone may have throughout the year should be directed to one of our Board Members if you're unsure who to go to. Board members will know to take action or will at least know who to contact to resolve.

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

- Coaches - please make sure to fill in game reports at the RTSA website. These are the forms we use to verify referee payment for your team
- I will no longer be sending out referee assignments for our games. The request from the league is that referee name and contact information not be given out...That's incongruous in my mind as they leave their names on your game cards and technically, referees are contractors - assigned by the league but paid by the clubs. If you can't read the referee name on your game card and need it for your report, ask me and I can look it up
- So far the season has been quiet as far as discipline issues - thank you to the coaches. We've had a few player cautions, but none to coaches

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

- Please send any requests for practice times. I will do my best to accommodate, but can't make any promises
- Practice schedules will be out soon

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

- No Report

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

We have been blessed with usually spectacular weather in September with calm or no wind and pleasant temperatures, with our next matches two weeks away in October, the likelihood of the winds picking up are probable – therefore we MUST get all of the goals in Rockaway Township properly anchored. Currently all of the goals on both fields at WML A Field are not anchored.

This was brought up via email the other week (Wk-2) but remains unresolved. Rumor has it there are sand bags at Germania not being used?

No issues or complaints by coaches on referees or referees on coaches have been submitted. I observed several games and have noted some potential abuse within the International Boys teams. The referee addressed the issue and resolved the potential matter on the field.

It was also noted on multiple fields that dogs are being brought to the fields – all of them Petersen, the Mall and WML. I have not made it up to Hudsonia yet. I was challenged by a dog owner at WML when I suggested that dogs are not permitted at the fields, the response I received was “my home owners dues permit it”.

Parents have been seen all over the field both sidelines and the end lines near the goals.

National Girls coaches questioned whether the goalies are restricted to the 6 yard box and not permitted free area within the entire penalty area.

We are in need a new cadets therefore we will be having a referee course late October so that we can permit cadets to “train” during the fall and take a more active role in the spring.

As a reminder Cadets are paid at half-rate - \$10 a game until they are able to ref solo.

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

- People have been stealing flags, etc from the fields
- Any of the Travel teams needs anything, just email me ^^

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

- **Report from Tom Nolan:** Will send email to parents about not bringing dogs to fields all except WML which is private

RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) Joe Gajda

- Season up and running
- No major issues
- Next RVSL meeting is September 30th

Committee Reports

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

- No Report

MVP Program – Rich Gordon

- Planning on October 25th at Christ Church

Uniform Committee- Matt Bianchi

- Some complaints about shirts & socks, not much we can do about it. Vendor says no one else has complained. Our hands are tied
- Take pics or email me any issues

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

- No Report

Golf Outing Committee – Dave Wilson

- Need someone to plan & run the golf outing

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Jim Haag questions: What is the role of trainers in P.A.L.S.
- Answer: The Coastal Soccer trainers will run the P.A.L.S.
- Any chance of our town running a soccer camp in late August? Tom Nolan – We can look into that with Cheshire

Motion to adjourn – 7:55 PM Jim H. – Second/ Joe G.