



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

**Minutes of the Meeting for September - 2015**  
**Meeting held on September 30, 2015**  
**At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township**



**ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION**

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

Director Soccer Op: Colin Browne  
Director Field Op: Joe McMahon  
Travel Director:  
Head Coach: Rich Gill  
Head Referee:  
Recreation Director:

Booster Treasurer:  
Booster Secretary:

RV Director: Joe Gajda  
RT Soccer Liason:

**RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented**

U08B United: Pau Nekich  
U09B Xtreme: Diane DeMilia  
U10B Rage: Tom Nolan/C.Browne  
U11B Vipers: Jose Vadillo  
U12B Warriors: Jason Epstein  
U13B Thistle: Terry Ferguson  
U14B Wolverines: Rich Gill  
U19B Eagles:

U08G:  
U09G Tornadoes: Robyn Bogert  
U10G Crossfire: Kim Brookes  
U11G Herricanes:  
U12G Riptide:  
U13G Revolution:  
U14G Freedom:  
U19G Lady Knights:

**In-Town Directors/Committees**

Massie Mundi:  
Communications:

Uniforms:

**General Attendees:**

Chris Yombor  
Fernando Lopez

Marc 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 7:35 p.m. by President Tom Nolan**

**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**
- August minutes have been amended to reflect that Jill Wilson was not in attendance
- Motion to approve the minutes from August Meeting: Motion/P Nekich Second/T. Ferguson

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

NO REPORT

<b>Balance on hand as of</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Receivables</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance on hand as of</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

- Just-Hike-It-4-DW October 17, 2015 Mahlon Dickerson Reservation. Must be registered prior to 10/17.

<http://sunshyn812.wix.com/justhikeit4dw>

- Fund Raiser to support the scholarship in Dave Wilson's name, NJ Sharing network and medical expenses.

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

- Happy to say that all the registrations for Fall soccer are completed. We have a window from now until we open for spring Rec & Valley registration to visit migrating to a new system
- Ideally, would like to open registration for the Spring BEFORE the Fall season ends, but system migration may push that out
- Looking for ideas on how to get first time registrants going into the fall to understand the grade request. Registration asked for grade in the fall but we had probably 20+ folks who were in
- Email reminders sent to all with outstanding balances; current receivables balance
- is **\$6,319**

**Boosters' Report ([Boosters@rtsa.org](mailto:Boosters@rtsa.org)) – POSITION OPEN (Report given via Tom Nolan)**

- Brett Miller has stepped up to be our Booster President, welcome Brett!

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

- Nominations for elected positions will be taken in New Business next month. Positions are for one year. The following positions will be up for nomination:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Registrar
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Travel Director
  - Director of Coaching
  - Field Operations
  - Soccer Operations
  - Booster President
  - Uniform Committee Chair
  - Webmaster
  - Rec Director
  - Head Referee
  - Valley Director
- I'm looking to make operations of our club a little easier for everyone involved. We have over 800 kids registered this season and will have similar numbers in the Spring. There are a small number of people doing most of the work. In a recent exchange with a disgruntled parent about the lack of communications, I got 4 people to volunteer to help the club. Unfortunately, because I am in the trenches doing mostly reactive work and not enough proactive work, I don't know how to use their services. We all say that we need more volunteers, but for what? So my question to all of our committee heads is "How can you do a better job with help?" What do you need? A lot of people want to volunteer, but just want to be told to do something specific. I am formulating an email that I will send to all the RTSA families asking that people step up, but I will be asking them to volunteer for a specific task (field check committee, communications, etc.) Let's make it easy for people to get involved. I believe that there are plenty of families that would help, they just don't know how or for what.
- MVP Program - Coaches need to show up on the day that their team is assigned. If you can't make your day or don't want to do this, we need to know ASAP. It is unacceptable to have your players show up without a coach to show them how to work with the kids.

- RTSA would like to welcome home Lt Col. US Army, Phillip Clark. He just returned from his tour of duty in Afghanistan. Thank you for your service. We missed you on the sidelines
- We will be painting a line 5 yards from the sideline on the Golf Course and Mall fields Parents are to remain behind this line. Coaches, please make sure your parents know

**Travel Director's Report ([TravelDirector@rtsa.org](mailto:TravelDirector@rtsa.org)) – Rick Suntag**

- **No Report**

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

- A few parents had approached me interested in obtaining goalie training. We have offered this in the past but if memory serves, it was an out of pocket cost for those participating. We have a field available for goalie training on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Cheshire can provide a trainer at either 5:30 to 6:30 or 7:30 to 8:30
- The price per participant is based on the amount of participants, so the more participants there are, the cheaper it should be. Ideally we would like at least 4 players to run a goalie session It would be a 5 to 6 session program with each session being 1 hour. If you are interested, please send me an email to [doc@rtsa.org](mailto:doc@rtsa.org) with your child's name, team, and coach so we can try and group like-aged kids together and make it productive for everyone
- Also, I'd like each coach to send me an email if there team is participating in a tournament this weekend. Tournaments often offer program discounts if a certain number of teams are participating in their tournament and I'd like to inquire about whether a discount could be available to RTSA teams if we have enough teams participating in a tournament

**Director of Field Operations & Development ([FieldOperations@rtsa.org](mailto:FieldOperations@rtsa.org)) – Joe McMahon**

- I don't have much to report except at Green Pond field I think we should look into getting a cheap plastic sheath fencing that we can unroll and roll back up after games to keep the soccer balls from going down the hill past the fence
- It's cheap at Home Depot (\$29.00 a roll) it's 4 feet high by 100 feet long and if we had a Rubbermaid shed or bin up there we could simply unroll it along the fence line and attach it temporarily to the fence for the games by using a couple of nails or screws and then after the games Roll it back up and put it away. I understand we cannot have any real fencing up there because the town says no permanent structures but this is not a permanent fixture. I was there for three games last Saturday and between all three games at least a total of 30 balls must've rolled down the hill. Which led to stoppage of games to get the ball back or kids climbing through the fence going up and down the hill to retrieve the ball. I could just see a parent having an issue if their kid gets hurt doing it.

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

- One referee appears to be struggling and will be placed on “probation” and observed to monitor improvement
- Team still arrive late to matches
- One minor incident with a parent last weekend – immaterial – spoke to coaches about parent
- Informal pole with handful of referees show interest in hosting Grade 9 official training in “off-season” – more to follow
- Dogs still spectators at many of the fields

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

- Just a few items. If playing at the mall please put corner flags in & out of the little shed. Combination in "PLAY". We had flags missing already. We should have a shed at the new fields soon and will need to put them in & out as well. It also seems someone keeps pulling off the small banners at Norway...just keep an eye out if you pass by any of the fields
- As for ice packs...please be considerate to others and only take two max until more is needed out of the well house

### Rec Director Report: ([recdirector@rtsa.org](mailto:recdirector@rtsa.org)) Anthony Polito

- REC SEASON started on September 19 and will run through November
- About 435 kids registered. Nice turn out for all divisions.
- National division is utilizing six yard box for goalie box to make keeper position less dominant
- Asking coaches to be mindful of rotating players into different positions
- Good sportsmanship. Please don't run scored up. Move better players to defense. Have set amount of passes before a shot
- Spectators must remain in opposite side line from players
- No dogs permitted at fields. Got two signs at WML for field 1 and field 2
- Would like to start the process of building treats sooner for the spring. Try evaluations again for national and international divisions for better balance if teams
- Still waiting in shirts if two IB and nb teams

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

- All good, nothing to report

### Committee Reports

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

- No Report

**MVP Program – Rich Gordon**

- Dates have been scheduled for MVP. All teams have been assigned a day and time

**Uniform Committee & Light Committee- Matt Bianchi**

- All travel uniform orders have been fulfilled
- We have an inventory of stocked uniforms for future orders
- Those not charged will be charged through sports sign up

**Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship ([MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org](mailto:MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org)) – Rick Suntag**

- No Report

**Dave Wilson Scholarship – ([Boosters@rtsa.org](mailto:Boosters@rtsa.org))**

- No Report
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**Old Business**

No Old Business

**New Business**

No New Business

Motion to adjourn – 8:21 PM Joe G – Second/Paul K