



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

Minutes of the Meeting for October - 2015

Meeting held on October 28, 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: Jim Haag  
Booster President: Brett Miller  
Booster Vice-President:

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

Booster Treasurer:  
Booster Secretary: Diane Geveke

RV Director: Joe Gajda  
RT Soccer Liason: Doug Brookes

**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: Sue Gordimer/Jim Haag  
U13G Revolution: Mark Rodrigues  
U14G Freedom: Dave Gavito  
U19G Lady Knights:

**In-Town Directors/Committees**

Massie Mundi:  
Communications: Dave Gavito

Uniforms:

**General Attendees:**

Samantha Martin

*\*\* 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 7:33 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**
- Motion to approve the minutes September Meeting: Motion/S Martin Second/D Gavito

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

<b>Balance on hand as of</b>	<b>\$5,438.34</b>
<b>Receivables</b>	<b>\$2,839.00</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>
<b>Balance on hand as of October 28, 2015</b>	<b>\$4,577.34</b>

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

- Oct 17th we had the "Just Hike It" event for Dave. We raised enough to contribute toward the scholarship for Dave that will begin this year and that was a big part of our motivation to hold this event. We were also able to donate \$100 to NJ Sharing Network. We don't plan to hold this event annually but anticipate a donation of \$500 each year to add to this scholarship. It's something that my family and I want to do because of the role Dave played in RTSA and how important the players were to him over the years - and we miss him so it helps us to have a greater purpose in honoring Dave. Thank you for all of your support - can't tell you how much it means to us

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

- Just working the last few account balance issues with Tom
- New business: Use of County turf field for early spring travel practices

**Boosters' Report ([Boosters@rtsa.org](mailto:Boosters@rtsa.org)) – Brett Miller**

- Pancake breakfast fundraiser will be November 27<sup>th</sup> this year at Applebees Rockaway
- Coaches shirts are in
- Welcome Brett Miller, Boosters President

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

- The season is wrapping up
- Travel coaches make sure you are entering your game reports so that we can refund the referee fee's for the last 2 games

- Last games are scheduled for Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Our November meeting will be Wednesday December 2. We will look to distribute checks at that meeting.
- I sent an email to all of the current Exec Board members to ask for their input on how we could use volunteers in each of their areas to make the job more manageable. I can then ask our registered families to volunteer for something specific. People will be more willing to sign up for a specific task when they know and understand the parameters. This will lead to more people getting involved and most importantly, new people getting involved.
- We got some lights from Tilcon for the Mall field, so that Rec could practice till the end of the season.
- Feedback on Enholm Field (Golf Course) has been mostly positive. The views should be fantastic this weekend. This field is a work in progress, so improvements will continue.
- Nominations for board positions will be taken in New Business.

**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**

- Only 3 players were interested in goalie training and Chesire needed 5 to hold the training. We may re-visit this in the Spring

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

- **No Report**

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

- One incident occurred in October involving the potential misconduct of a coach – yelling at a referee. Additional information is being requested
- Players still arrive late to matches, delaying starts
- Received one complaint from a coach regarding poor referring – dealt with
- Reminder to all that referring is an at will assignment

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

- **No Report**

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

- So far, we have had no rain outs. The season is scheduled to end on November 14th, this includes PALS
- Starting today, 10/27/15, we are moving to the "dark" practice schedule
- Teams can now use Mall field at 5:30 and 6:30 respectively

- First teams must turn on lights last team must turn off lights
- Coaches can continue to have practices at their original fields and just end when it gets dark out
- Coaches need to let parents know about change in practice venue. Schedule was sent to coaches on Tuesday
- Please be mindful of sportsmanship. If your team is winning "big", please play with less players on the field, move players to different positions, ask your players to pass more frequently, work on player development. Please do not run up the score.
- If for whatever reason you have to cancel and/or change a game, please make sure I'm included in that conversation. We've had two occasions where a team did not show up. The other team and the ref where unaware of this. Please just let me know if you need or want to change a game so we can keep everyone informed
- There have been only a few incidents of ref/coach problems. I must remind everyone, yelling at the ref is not appropriate and will not be tolerated. If there is a problem with an official (we are aware of "weak refs), please let us know so we can address it.
- At the national levels, the goalie can only use their hands in the 6 yard box. They may run out to the 18 to kick, throw or punt the ball.
- I would like to plan a little end of the year appreciation "party" for coaches. I'll provide more details as we get closer to the end of the season.

#### **RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) Joe Gajda**

- 3 weeks to go in the season
- Only a hand full of make up games
- Last week we handled a complaint from a parent about a coach
- Within the next 2 weeks I will inventory the remaining uniforms and return them to the shed at Norway
- Before we open RV registration for the Spring we need to update the order process based on inventory available
- We should look into using a new free website for registration Blue Sombrero owned by Dicks Sporting Goods

#### **Committee Reports**

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

- **No Report**

**MVP Program** – Rich Gordon

- MVP was held on October 24

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

- **No Report**

**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**

Nominations:

Rockaway Valley Director	Joe Gajda
Head Referee	John Olsen
Recreation Director	Anthony Polito
Webmaster	Dave Gavito
Uniform Committee	Samantha Martin
Boosters President	Brett Miller
Soccer Operations	Colin Browne
Field Operations	Joe McMahon
Director of Coaching	Rich Gill
Travel Director	Rick Suntag
Treasurer	Mary Pace
Secretary	Shelly Errante
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Motion to adjourn – 8:22 PM Samantha – Second/Joe G