



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

Minutes of the Meeting for January - 2016

Meeting held on January 27, 2016

At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



**ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION**

RTSA President: Tom Nolan  
RTSA Vice-President:  
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: Joe McMahon  
Travel Director: Rick Suntag  
Head Coach: Rich Gill  
Head Referee: John Olsen  
Recreation Director:

Booster Treasurer:  
Booster Secretary:

RV Director:  
RT Soccer Liason: Doug Brookes

**RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented**

U08B United: Pau Nekich  
U09B Xtreme: Diane DeMilia  
U10B Rage: Tom Nolan/C.Browne  
U10B Vipers: Jose Vadillo  
U11B Rebels: Mark Malatesta  
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: Rob Carmagnola  
U12G Riptide: S. Errante/J. Haag/S Gordimer/T Clark  
U13G Revolution: Mark Rodrigues  
U14G Freedom: Dave Gavito  
U19G Lady Knights:

**In-Town Directors/Committees**

Massie Mundi:  
Communications: Dave Gavito

Uniforms: Samantha Martin

**General Attendees:**

Chris Yombor  
John Torres

Jim Zuizavash

*\*\* 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**
- Motion to approve the minutes November Meeting: Motion/D Gavito Second/ J Epstein

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

<b>Balance on hand as of October 28, 2015</b>	<b>\$ 2,252.34</b>
<b>Receivables</b>	<b>\$ 7,672.85</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 2,788.00</b>
<b>Balance on hand as of December 2, 2015</b>	<b>\$7,137.19</b>

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

- No Report

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

- Registration is currently open for Rockaway Valley and Recreation Soccer for the Spring 2016 season.
- Registration for grades Prek - 4 will be going to wait list mode after 2/15/16. We greatly appreciate all coaching volunteers. Please register to coach in the same system.
- Registration for Rockaway Valley (Age based appx. to grades 5-12) will close the beginning of March. However, you may be asked to join a wait list prior to then based on registration counts as we look to determine how many teams can be built. Once it is determined we can add an additional team, waitlist will be released.
- High School Travel registration is currently open until next week for the Spring 2016 season, both boys and girls. Travel Coaches determine roster.
- Travel (not including High School) registration for the Fall 2016 / Spring 2017 season will open approximately 3/1/16 thru 4/15/16.
- All registration is being done in the new system, Blue Sombrero. Everyone needs to first establish an account in Blue Sombrero in order to register.

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

- Hoops Mania tickets will be handed out the first weekend of February at indoor training
- Spring picture date will be finalized shortly
- Applebee's Fundraiser will most likely be the mid to end of April

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

President's Report January 2016

We held our annual Exec Board meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The board agreed on the following:

1. We will be using some of Capital Improvement Funds to purchase training equipment. First will be Rebounder Goals. 4 each at Hudsonia, Norway and Christ Church to start.
2. Next year we will be having the trainers attend 5 home games each season. This will lead to increase training costs bringing travel to \$425 to \$450 for the year.
3. We approved a new travel tryout format. Tryouts will be the last week of April. Each age group will have 2 nights. Cheshire will be doing the evaluations.
4. Policies were approved regarding the mandated USSF changes that will occur starting for 2016-17 season.

US Soccer changes for 2016-17. MCYSA had a President's meeting on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss these changes. Summary of the meeting is there will be a U15 age bracket next year, most clubs have stated that they will keep their current teams together and start the new age banding with incoming teams, and U8 will be a regionalized festival format next year.

1. RTSA has agreed to allow teams to "attempt" to stay together. Tryouts will still be open and the selections will be based on tryout rankings. This will mean most teams will be moving up 2 age brackets next year. Parents will have to decide what age to have their children tryout for. (Chart made available for all attendees.)
2. The following policies have been agreed to regarding Tryouts:
  - a. If a child is "trying up" one year they will also have to try out for their age appropriate team. If a child and their family decide to only "try up", they will not automatically be offered a spot on the age appropriate team if they don't make the "up" team.
  - b. Our old "try up" rule will be suspended. Going forward, if a child tries up one age group they will only need to rank within the number of roster spots chosen by the coach, not the top half of the kids trying out. However, if a child is trying up 2 years, they will need to be within the top half of the kids trying out to be considered. RTSA strongly recommends against trying up 2 years.
  - c. MCYSA will not have a "Majority Rule" for teams, meaning that more than half the team will not be required to be age appropriate. RTSA will follow this for now.

3. Coach applications will be taken at the March meeting. The Exec Board will not make final decisions till after tryouts to see how the teams will be formed.
4. The U8 division will be going to a 4v4 format. MCYSA will be carding teams for this age bracket but not organizing games. It was determined that it would be best to allow local clubs to set up Festival Style game days. Pricing for this is being put together and we will offer it as a choice.

The US Soccer mandates affect all clubs across the US. This is how we will be addressing the changes and will continually tweek these policies in the way that we feel are in the best interest for our club.

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

- Tom will go over the changes in U.S. Soccer

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

- One of the many impacts of the USYS re-organization by calendar year is how it will affect try-outs. Since many kids will likely be trying "up" players are being strongly encouraged to try out for their age appropriate team as well as the try up team. Tryouts are being staggered so that a player could attend tryouts for both teams on consecutive day. Since team composition, both player and coach, is an unknown at this point as a result of the re-organization there will be a great reliance on the Cheshire rankings.
- Also, in the interest of providing coaches more feedback, a development plan was requested to be provided to the coaches to provide a framework a teams development that the coach has input on.

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

- Gathered some information on the job boxes we discussed at the last meeting

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

- RTSA has moved to have ALL town rec refs to have a Grade 9 certification.
- RTSA will be hosting a Grade 9 ref course certification at Morris Hills on Sunday March 13 from 8-5

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

- Just waiting for registration to close so we can start putting equipment bags together. Also, the Executive Board voted and it was passed to purchase rebounders for the fields.

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

- No Report

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

- Opening day April 9th
- Green Sheet with number of teams due March 5
- New Coaches Meetings - March 22 & March 29
- Setting up Rutgers Clinic for March in Rockaway Township
- Changing website to Blue Sombrero also League Line Up to assign Junior Referees for C D E division games
- Requesting RV Junior Referees age 14 15 to take Grade 9 class in Rockaway
- Referee fees increased B Division \$55 A Division \$60 AA Division \$140 (3) \$100 (2) \$75 (1)
- Elections - only change is Secretary

**Committee Reports**

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

- No Report

**MVP Program – Rich Gordon**

- No Report

**Uniform Committee – ([Samantha.martin@emc.com](mailto:Samantha.martin@emc.com)) - Samantha Martin**

- I am just getting samples and looking at options. I am waiting for them to arrive

**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

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

Motion to adjourn – 8:55 PM Rich Gill – Second/Rob Carmagnola