



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

Minutes of the Meeting for August - 2016
Meeting held on August 31, 2016
At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION

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

Director Soccer Op:
Director Field Op: Joe McMahon
Travel Director:
Head Coach: Rich Gill
Head Referee:
Recreation Director: Anthony Polito

Booster Treasurer:
Booster Secretary:

RV Director: Joe Gajda
RT Soccer Liason:

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U08B:
U09B United: Paul Nekich
U10B Xtreme: Anthony Polito
U11B Bolts: Russ Babcock
U11B Vipers: Jose Vadillo
U12B Rage: Tom Nolan
U13B Rebels: Olga LoBello
U14B Warriors: Jason Epstein
U15B Thistle: Marc McCaffrey
U19B Eagles:

U08G:
U09G Banshees: Rich Gill
U10G Tornadoes: Robyn Bogert
U11G Storm: Eric Martin
U12G: Crossfire: Kim Brookes
U13G Herricanes: R. Carmagnola/M. Pascale Jr
U14G Riptide: Shelly Errante
U15G Revolution: Mark Rodrigues
U19G Lady Knights:

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi:

Communications: Dave Gavito

Uniforms: Samantha Martin

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 7:40 p.m. by President 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 July Meeting: Motion/Joe G Second/ Rob C.

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

Balance on hand as of July 27, 2016	\$ 4,286.04
Receivables	\$ 4,185.00
Disbursements	\$ 6,470.95
Balance on hand as of August 31, 2016	\$ 2,000.09

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

- No Report

Registrar's Report (Registrar@rtsa.org) – Jim Haag

- Actively looking for volunteers for Rec Division Directors for the spring to aid in building teams; I will not be opening Spring Registration until they are identified.
- Registration closed for Rockaway Valley & Recreation soccer for the fall, except for High School Girls.
- Registration is open for Recreation Referees, must have grade 9 certification (reminder of pay scale discussion)
- Fall rec teams all built as follow
- PALS (2012): 6 teams of 11 each, 5 openings left
- American (2011): 8 teams of 9 each; have 1 opening left
- Nationals (2010) 8 teams of 10 each; have 3 openings left
- International Boys (2009-2008): 8 teams of 10 each, Will be no openings if all waitlist accept
- International Girls (2009-2008): 4 teams of 12 each, will be no openings if waitlist accept. IG3 needs a head coach since daughter moved to Travel.
- Great work by Joe Gajda getting all 17 Rockaway Valley teams built across 229 players.
- Reminder that all travel players who initially selected the partial payment option are now

past due on their remaining balance.

Boosters' Report (Boosters@rtsa.org) – Diane Geveke

1. Booster Representatives

Each team is required to have a Booster Rep attend the monthly Booster meetings so that they can relay information back to their teams. A coach can be a representative, but, we would prefer to have someone else so that more people become involved in RTSA.

2. Fall Picture Day

*Saturday, October 1st at C.A. Dwyer Elementary School

*From 8 am- 2 pm

* We have use of the gym, cafeteria, and front lobby area.

* I'll try my best with scheduling teams, but, due to the number of teams, I may not be able to accommodate requests for a time change.

* Each travel team needs to have 2 volunteers to work at the Spiritwear Table. I'll assign teams to shifts.

*When the email goes out about Picture Day, we'll also ask for volunteers from Rec and Rockaway Valley.

3. Fall Raffle

4. We received the renewed license from the state. It is good for 2 years.

Proceeds with help offset the cost of repair work at the Mall Field and Norway, training equipment, and equipment that may need to be replaced at the end of the season.

Before I can complete the application for the Raffle permit to be filed with the township and the state, I need the following information:

a. Date of drawing the prizes: Nov 30,2016

b. Which supplier to use for ordering the tickets: ticketprinting.com

c. Number of tickets to order: 1 book of 5 per Rec & Valley player, 2 books of 5 per Travel player

d. Donation price per ticket: \$10

e. Prize amounts for 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$250, 3rd - \$100

f. Is there anyone else who has been fingerprinted and has proof of it that they can give to the township? Currently, I know of 2 of us who are on file with the town and we must have 2 in order to file the application. I would like to have at least 2 more people so that we have some flexibility in the future.

g. I need 3 RTSA officers to fill in their information for the application. I've already added mine.

5. Buffalo Wild Wings

Would like to hold in the fall

Jennifer Lanzerotti volunteered to arrange this with BWW.

2 types of programs: Dine In/Dine Out and Coaches (a card to use all season) We'll first try Dine In/Dine Out.

6. Applebee's Breakfast

Would like to hold in January

Maureen Camacho volunteered to contact Applebee's. She'll need another volunteer to help her run this.

Each team needs to have 2 volunteers to help with serving and cleaning from 8am-10am. Volunteers will need to arrive prior to 8am to meet with Applebee's staff.

7. End of Season gifts:

8. need to be ordered in September, no medals for Rockaway Valley- instead each team will be provided \$50 for a pizza party.

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

- The Fall season starts in 10 days. Rec in 17. Travel teams should have their carding packets done and in to Jenny Lee by now. We will have a travel coaches meeting after this to review the PDI from US Soccer and changes that we will experience this season. Agenda attached.
- We adopted the age bracket changes this season. I will send a summary out to all registered families so that they understand some of these changes. Rec Coaches meeting is set for the 9th. We will need to review the changes in depth. Biggest change is to National level which is now Co-Ed and our U8. They will be playing 4v4 this season vs 7v7 in the past.
- Been a very long month and a half with Rick taking vacation and some other positions being MIA. If you volunteer for a position, you need to be proactive and not reactive. Having a lot of the administrative stuff being done by a few. That stunts growth to our club and fosters a negative opinion from the registered families because they don't get responses all the time. If you can't or don't want to handle the position that you volunteered for, let me know and we will work to find a replacement. Going forward we will need to start to have backups for each of the main positions. i.e. VP will need to understand the whole registrar part. Pres will need to know Bonzi and so will someone else. We've talked about this before, but we are at a point where a lot of the board is getting near the end of their kids years with RTSA and might want to move on.

Travel Coach Meeting Agenda:

1. Last second Got Soccer questions
2. SAGE discussion
3. Field changes
4. Time Changes for games

5. PCN's
6. Tournaments
7. Fundraising

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

- Currently working on season schedules. Schedules will be locked on or about Friday 9/2.
- 7v7 (U9-U10) games will be played at the Mall field
- 9v9 (U11-U12) games will be played at Enholm
- Most 11v11 games will be either at Enholm or Morris Hills.
- We have 10 home game PCNs to schedule.
- If anyone is having trouble with the carding process, let me know immediately - All teams should be complete at this point
- As the season is ready to start, a reminder to coaches, both returning and new about expected behavior from the sideline
- Coaches should always remain in the technical area, ie - stay near your bench / do not run up and down the sideline (stay away from the goal area)
- One coach *ONLY* from a team should be giving technical instruction to players. Don't have 3 coaches yelling out instructions
- Over the past few seasons, Rockaway has had more than it's share of cards shown to coaches. Always treat referees with respect, regardless of the ability of the referee. Yelling at a referee will not change their call or give you a "make up" call later in the game. The mechanism for dealing with bad referees is the game report. These reports are read by the league's head referee and head assignor and appropriate action will be taken for referees receiving consistently bad reports.
- Good luck and have an enjoyable season!

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

- The Practice schedule has been distributed and if you have any issues or concerns with your trainer, let me know.
- Coaches should plan on having a meeting with their team's parents to discuss things like the SAGE program, tournaments, playing time policy, and let them know the difference between cheering for the team and coaching the team to make it easier for the kids to have success on the field.
- Coaches should communicate with their trainer and discuss the things they would like to work on and accomplish for their team. The more input the trainer has, the more effective they can be.
- I also want a review of each coach's trainer by the end of the season.

Director of Field Operations & Development (FieldOperations@rtsa.org) – Joe McMahon

- Nets still need to be placed at Peterson
- Nets need to be pulled from out of the woods at Germania
- We have a bunch of double XL soccer jerseys and shorts and we don't have any players that wear those sizes. Even if we keep a handful of them I think we should look into donating them and getting rid of that stock.

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

- RTSA will now be handling the referee assignments for Division C within RVSL.
- RVSL requires current Grade 8 & 9 USSF certified referees to attend a "RVSL Refresher" course, for reasons I do not understand and have not been made privy to. Based on this I have attempted to reach out to "my" referees to attend if interested. I have received limited responses. Five. The next session is September 17th. There was a session last Saturday in August. To my knowledge only one of "my" referees was able to attend.
- RVSL is also excepting NON USSF referees to officiate, however these new referees are required to take the RVSL instructional course (logical and reasonable) to be provided September 10. I have reached out to "my old refs" who did not pursue USSF certification with no responses.
- Please provide RTSA Recreation Soccer schedule for National and International matches once completed in order to permit to set "my" referee schedule.

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

- Handed out Fall equipment on Sunday 8/28. Only a few teams still need to pick up their equipment.
- Placed an order with Universal Sports for more game balls. They are in, just need to pick them up. We also need to check if we have the right size goals on the fields and if they need new nets so we can order them

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

- The Rec season is scheduled to start on September 17th and will run for 8 consecutive weeks through November 5th
- There is a coaches' meeting followed by a mini clinic on September 9th at 7:00 at the Senior Community Center
- We will handout coaches' shirts and uniforms on September 9th.
- Equipment was handed out this past Sunday. Anyone who still needs equipment should contact Colin or me

- We still need a head coach for IG 4 team
- Practices were scheduled to start this week
- Game schedule should be done by this Friday
- There are four divisions within RTSA

RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) Joe Gajda

- 2 open houses went well. Thanks to all the coaches for helping out. Waiting on paperwork for players that did not attend Coaches pick up jerseys for players that did not attend
- C division open house is tomorrow 9/1
- 2 RV New coaches meetings are complete
- New RV Jr referee course will be Saturday 9/10 2 -6 PM RT Municipal Bldg Court Room (no Jr Ref's for RT)
- RV referee refresher course for grade 8 & 9 will be Saturday 9/17 9-11 AM Jefferson Health Ctr 57 Minisink Road Jefferson NJ (only 1 RT grade 9 registered only 1 RT grade 8 took the course 8/23)
- Sent Mary the list with coaches info to issue the Ref Checks
- Turned in \$35 cash from Open House uniform purchase
- Rutgers Certification, Rockaway just posted a course
- Rutgers Clinic is set for September 18th, 2016 from 8:45 to 12:00. You can send this link around to any coaches: <http://www.rockawaytownship.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=72>

Committee Reports

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

- No Report

MVP Program – Rich Gordon

- No Report

Uniform Committee – uniform@rtsa.org - Samantha Martin

- Rec Uniforms on order and should be in before the coaches meeting on Sept 9th.
- Travel Uniforms in and delivered all but two teams which I should be able to give out tonight. Universal/Score had a few missteps but all seems to be getting corrected and I have a couple players that need to get me forms so they can order uniforms. Getting them all at once really helps with the back and forth driving to Parsippany to get them printed and then pick them back up. I have a small supply for this year but not a ton of extras because of the change next year.

- Looking at some options for the 2017-2018 season Adidas and under armor are good options.

Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship (MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org) – Rick Suntag

- No Report

Dave Wilson Scholarship – (Boosters@rtsa.org)

- No Report

Old Business

New Business

Motion to adjourn – 8:15 PM Joe G – Second/Rob C