



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

Minutes of the Meeting for April 23, 2017  
Meeting held on  
At the Municipal Building, Rockaway Township



**ATTENDANCE/ REPRESENTATION**

RTSA President: Tom Nolan  
RTSA Vice-President: Rob Carmagnola  
RTSA Treasurer: Rick Gordimer  
RTSA Secretary: James Haag  
RTSA Registrar:  
Booster President: Diane Geveke

Director Soccer Op:  
Director Field Op:  
Travel Director:  
Director of Coaching: Rich Gill  
Head Referee:  
Uniform Chair: Samantha Martin

Recreation Director: Aaron Tomasini  
Communication Director:

RV Director:  
RT Soccer Liason:

**RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented**

U09B United: Paul NeKich  
U10B Xtreme: Anthony Polito  
U11B: Vipers: Jose Vadillo  
U11B: Bolts:  
U12B Rage: Tom Nolan  
U13B Rebels: Mark Manz  
U14B Warriors: Jason Epstein  
U15B Thistle: Mark McCaffrey  
U16B  
U19B Eagles:

U09G Banshees: Rich Gill  
U10G Tornadoes: Robin Bogert  
  
U11G Storm: Samantha Martin  
U12G Crossfire: Kim Brookes  
U13G Herricanes: Rob Carmagnola  
U14G Riptide: Sue Gordimer  
U15G: Revolution: Mark Rodriguez  
  
U19G Lady Knights:

**In-Town Directors/Committees**

Massie Mundi:  
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MVP:

**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 7:33 PM by President, Tom Nolan**

## Secretary's Report ([secretary@rtsa.org](mailto:secretary@rtsa.org)) – Jim Haag

- Board Members please email me your reports that you read for the monthly meetings. Thank you
- Motion to approve the minutes from \_\_3/27/17\_\_ Meeting (Emailed on 4/11/17)
- First Samantha Martin Second Robyn Bogert
- Reminder to sign attendance sheet.

## Treasurer's Report ([Treasurer@rtsa.org](mailto:Treasurer@rtsa.org)) – Rick Gordimer

Balance on hand as of March 27, 2017	\$7,450.57
Receivables	\$5,000.00
Disbursements	<b>-\$8,380.00</b>
Balance on hand as of April 23, 2017	\$4,070.57

## Vice President's Report ([VicePresident@rtsa.org](mailto:VicePresident@rtsa.org)) – Rob Carmagola

Charity Mania payment distributed, over 20 winners including a \$1,000 winner!  
Steve's landscaping did walk of all the fields. RTSA working on Norway & the Mall Field.

## Registrar's Report ([Registrar@rtsa.org](mailto:Registrar@rtsa.org)) – David Sproul

Travel Registration open, Rec teams assigned, Travel Goalie Registration open.

## Boosters' Report ([Boosters@rtsa.org](mailto:Boosters@rtsa.org)) – Diane Geveke

Spring Picture Day is Tuesday May 9th at Copeland Middle School. Pictures are for Rec and Rockaway Valley. Individual pictures can be taken if a team opts to not have a team picture.

Rec medals will be ordered in the near future. Coaches will receive them when they pick up their team's pictures.

RTSA Day at Tri-County Fair is Saturday June 17th from 3pm to 11pm. Advanced price vouchers cost \$20 each, but are worth \$25. They are used to purchase sheets of tickets. We will run a dunk tank. We need 16 volunteers to be dunked (30 minute shifts) and 32 volunteers to collect money (1 hour shifts of 2 people). Thursday June 15th & Sunday June 18th- vouchers can be used to buy unlimited ride bands with an additional \$5.

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

May add Thursday's to Norway Game schedules.

Travel Tryouts start tomorrow, 4/24 and will run over 2 weeks. Each age/gender has a night each week. Cheshire will be primary evaluator. If there is a rainout, tryout is moved to the Friday of the same week. Players trying up 2 years will be in top third of the team size.

Player trying up 1 year that are in grade of older age then there is no impact. If a child is grade below age and trying up a year will need to be in top half.

Coaches should be at tryout. Goal is to announce right after Memorial Day weekend.

All MHRD residents are welcome to try out for Travel.

Practice for travel is available at Hudsonia WITHOUT Trainers during Travel Evaluations.

For international Recreation soccer for the Fall, considering moving to co-ed to be in line with Rockaway Valley. Will be finalized prior to opening

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

The season has started slowly due to closed fields and April school breaks.

Rockaway Valley started 2 weeks late and has scheduled midweek games to make up for it - 14 so far scheduled for Norway

We still have 12 PCNs to schedule, plus a few league cup games

We have a 2 week freeze on using Norway midweek due to tryouts

The above accounts for 26 midweek game slots plus another 12 for the 2 weeks of tryouts. There are only a total of 40 midweek game slots between now and the end of the season. 21 already have games scheduled or are being held for potential games. There's only 19 slots left to work with. A rainout on a busy Sunday will put us over the limit.

Bottom line - Game time field space is at a premium. Get your games scheduled. Try to play them as early as possible / don't wait until June. Teams have been slow to schedule their PCNs - We played very few midweek games in April / your PCNs are still unscheduled and now teams may end up being forced to play home games away because of this.

Note: I expect all PCNs to be scheduled by the end of April - you've had over a month and some teams have put in little to no effort to get these scheduled. If your PCNs not scheduled at that point, I expect an email from you with detailed reasons why the opponent will not accept any of the multiple dates you have been offering over the past month. Barring that, I will offer the game to the opponent to play on their field to free up our fields for teams that have made an effort to get their games played.

I am hoping that next season, PCNs are all scheduled by 2 weeks into the season. There's zero excuse to go beyond that point.

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

During Tryouts, parents are asked to not coach their child. Coaches please remind parents.

### **Director of Field Operations & Development ([FieldOperations@rtsa.org](mailto:FieldOperations@rtsa.org)) – Jeff Fino**

The portable lights were delivered and set up at Christ church We had a small issue with one of them, but the company swapped it out with a different one at no charge., I will submit the invoices for reimbursement., Nets and goals were assembled at Christ church prior to the beginning of practices..

Hopefully the weather cooperates the rest of the season

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

No games played as of today, only game last Saturday was postponed.

On average we have 7-10 games a week

4 International Boys

2 International Girls

1-4 RVSL Division C

We have 16 referees registered

4 Female

1 Grade 8

3 Grade 9

12 Male

4 Grade 8

8 Grade 9

1 new referee who will be 'trained' for a couple of matches prior to running solo

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

Medical kits & ball bags distributed for all rec teams

**Rec Director Report: ([recdirector@rtsa.org](mailto:recdirector@rtsa.org)) Aaron Tomasini**

Rec is underway!

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

10 games played on Saturday 4/22 and only 1 coach entered the required game report (me) RV is discussing fining towns that do not enter the required game reports, Email has been sent to the coaches.

Only 1 C Division game was canceled Saturday at the Mall Field due to player availability

We have a minor field conflict due to the late start of the RV season due to the weather requiring RV to play 8 weeks of games into 7 weeks of available playing dates. With Hudsonia unplayable for games we had an increase in the number of week night games for the 10 full sided teams.

We will need better communication next spring with blackout date, possibly block the full week of Travel Try Outs. The RV Draft schedules were shared 3 times with all involved and the conflict wasn't noticed until the final schedule (thanks Jim Haag)

Due to a Norway field scheduling conflict there will be changes to games on these following dates (plus more if weather effects Travel Try Outs)

- Wed 4/26 both games canceled
- Wed 5/3 one game canceled
- Wed 5/10 8 PM game canceled

I will need someone to attend the RV meeting on Tuesday April 25 8-9 PM at the Mine Hill Senior Ctr 12 Baker St Mine Hill as I have a game at 630 in Bernardville. Kieran Goscicki maybe available he will let me know on Monday if not we need an alternate (if the weather forecast for Tuesday cancels my game I will attend the meeting)

**Committee Reports**

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

No Report

**MVP Program – Rich Gordon**

No Report

**Uniform Chair- Samantha Martin**

Uniforms for Rec are in and almost all picked up. Coaches shirts are on order and I think that is it other than we need to start working with the registrar to get the system set up for fall Rec so that parents can select the proper size for their child as they will be getting a kit instead of just a shirt. Travel Uniform agreement entered into with Capelli, \$100, for full kit including practice shirt. Rec will also get a kit included with registration.

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

Waiting to receive any submissions from guidance.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Travel Coaching Nominees**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
U09		
U10	Paul Nekish	Rich Gill
U11	Anthony Polito	Robin Bogert
U12	Jose Vadillo & Russel (if 2 teams)	Samantha Martin
U13	Tom Nolan	Kim Brookes
U14	Mark Manz	Rob Carmagnola
U15	Jason Epstein	Sue Gordimer

U15 Boys coach, Mark MCCaffrey, cited drastic disparity playing U16 teams. Major size difference in players. Had first game against one and felt it was unsafe for his players. Mark recommended not playing the remaining games against U16 team in the flight and potentially league cup. Tom Nolan pointed out that this is the first year with U15 being a separate group in the fall with the changes to the new age format nationwide. MCYSA made decision to have U15 merge with D2 for the spring as D2 was historically U16. Discussion around U15 really being 8<sup>th</sup> graders while U16 boys teams for the spring are including high school sophomores who may have played on JV teams in the fall, creating a disparity. In the past D2 was always a true high school age grouping.

May Meeting is: 5/22 (Note, changed to 5/23 afterwards)

Motion to adjourn – 8:22 PM Sam Martin Second/ Jason Epstein