



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

Minutes of the Meeting for June 26, 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: David Sproul
Booster President: Diane Geveke

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

Recreation Director: Aaron Tomasini
Communication Director:

RV Director:
RT Soccer Liason:

RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented

U09B United: Diane Geveke
U10B Xtreme: Rick Gordimer
U11B: Vipers: Jose Vadillo
U11B: Bolts:
U12B Rage: Tom Nolan
U13B Rebels: Mark Manz
U14B Warriors: Jason Epstein
U15B Thistle:
U16B: Orest Pencak
U19B Eagles:

U09G Banshees: Rich Gill
U10G Tornadoes: Robyn Bogert

U11G Storm: Samantha Martin
U12G Crossfire: Kim Brookes
U13G Herricanes: Rob Carmagnola
U14G Riptide: Jim Haag
U15G: Revolution:

U19G Lady Knights:

In-Town Directors/Committees

Massie Mundi:
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MVP:

General Attendees:

Tim Miskimon – Fall 17 U09 Boys

Darlene Miller – Referee

*** 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) – Jim Haag

- **Board Members please email me your reports that you read for the monthly meetings. Thank you**
- Motion to approve the minutes from __April 23 meeting__ Meeting (Resent on 6/22)
 - First__ Sam Martin_____ Second__ Colin Browne_____
- Motion to approve the minutes from May 23 Meeting, sent 6/22
 - First__ Rich Gill_____ Second__ Jason Epstein_____
- Reminder to sign attendance sheet
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- Dick's contribution again procured by Dave Philhower and turned over to boosters.
- Travel Registration, refunds issued to all who have declined a position. Refunds issued for players not placed as of 6/7 for all but U11-14 boys & U09 girls. There are 8 players who have been extended an offer but have not yet accepted after multiple emails. Coaches were sent emails on 6/26 that it is presumed these players are declining the offer, suggest refunding after meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer@rtsa.org) – Rick Gordimer

Balance on hand as of May 22, 2017	\$1,710.57
Receivables	\$4,680.00
Disbursements	-\$1,925.72
Balance on hand as of June 25, 2017	\$4,464.85

Vice President's Report (VicePresident@rtsa.org) – Rob Carmagola

No Report

Registrar's Report (Registrar@rtsa.org) – David Sproul

Travel: New tool is set-up player and coach carding. We need to have gets links to players / coaches to drive this carding process. Players / coaches will need to upload a birth certificate and photo for carding process. It will require follow-up by coaches and travel director.

Rec: Assuming we are still going to use Blue Sombrero. Moving to Blue Star was stalled and there's no real reason to move to Blue Star, as carding is not a requirement. We NEED to get this out by end of this week. Will work with rec director to confirm details before sending this out.

Looking to add Uniform sizing to rec registration. International division will be coed this fall to mirror Rockaway Valley. Registration set to open 6/26. Registration will go to waitlist mode 8/1.

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

1. End-of-the-year picnic for travel
 - a. We had a fun-filled evening despite the cloudiness.
 - b. Thank you to Cheshire Soccer Academy for arranging activities for our players.

2. Spring Pictures
 - a. Still have pictures for 1 Rockaway Valley team.

b. We need to stress to coaches that, if they can't pick up pictures during the scheduled time, they MUST send a representative to pick them up. There is no reason that a representative can't be sent.

3. Gatorade Donation to Renegades Lacrosse

a. We donated 10 cases of Gatorade to the Renegades Romp in the Swamp tournament

b. The Renegades have primary use of Enholm Field during the spring, however, the director allowed RTSA to use the field for Sunday games, even rescheduling their clinic so that we could play more games on the fields.

4. Tri-County Fair

a. A big "Thank you" to everyone who volunteered to help at the RTSA Dunk Tank at the Tri-County Fair. It was nice to see representation from each of our divisions.

b. Between the vouchers and the dunk tank, we raised \$871.

Fall raffle

a. Anyone who has proof of fingerprinting, please submit it to the RT Municipal Building ASAP. Would like at least 2 people, in addition to myself.

b. Want to file the raffle paperwork by the beginning of August so that we have time to order the tickets and distribute to coaches at the Fall Picture Day.

c. Want to increase the amount of each prize to \$1000 (1st), \$500 (2nd), 250 (3rd)

d. Each ticket would still be a \$10 donation.

5. Fall Picture Day

a. Saturday, September 30th at Dwyer Elementary School

b. Tentative time: 8:30am-3pm

c. We will work around game schedules as best as possible, but coaches need to understand that not every request may be able to be met. Picture times may only be adjusted for a game time conflict, not for other reasons.

d. An email will be sent out in September asking for volunteers to help with Picture Day. We will need help with picture order forms, helping organize teams so that we remain on schedule, distributing Buffalo Wild Wings Eat in/Take out fundraiser coupons, distributing raffle tickets to coaches, and the Spirit Wear table. Will be looking to sell much of our older inventory with the move to Capelli.

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

June finished the season, has been interesting year with the move to Calender. Many learnings such as the U15 playing D2 in the Spring (Rick Suntag at MCYSA meeting voicing our opinion that this was not optimal).

Thanks to all those who stepped up and did their roles well. Circle of volunteers is growing.

Registration for travel moving to blue sky.

There are a couple of travel teams that will need a few players, coaches are encouraged to recruit.

Enjoy summer, but soccer really never stops. Will look to meet with Denville over the summer to see about some common areas, particularly around travel. Ideas such as a JAGS team or just looking at combining for just the 11v11 ages. Lots of competition for players with the growth of all the club programs in the area. Would also love to include Wharton & Rockaway Boro as well. Will look to communicate better.

Kim Brookes asked about trainers not making half the games, which is included in the fee increase we did last year. Wondering if perhaps this creates funding for a preseason clinic run by Cheshire.

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

At the MCYSA meeting.

Season is done. Congrats to the flight winners. I expect flights should finalize some time today (6/26) since tonight is the final MCYSA league meeting of the season. Many teams have been slow in filling out RTSA game reports. These are used to confirm referee payments and also to report any game issues. Next season, please try completing these with 48 hours of your games.

Registration with NJYS/USYS for 2017-2018 is moving to a new electronic system, ie, everything will be done online - no more dropping passes at DC homes [pause while everyone cheers]. Player-families will be responsible for uploading their own photos & proof of age. All coaches will be required to have background checks to be carded. These will be run by NJYS.

Enjoy your summers / start thinking about fall flighting requests. If we can get our new registration system up, I will be working on flighting & club registration in July as I may be unavailable for most of August.

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

Issue that came up with lopsided scoring (11-0). If you are coaching and are the winning team in a lopsided game, try to do things that limit the score. In one situation the Rockaway coach did just that, playing with only 9 as the other team was short players. Remember, putting defense on striker may result in more goals. Different tactics such as instituting rules you can only score with your opposite foot, working the ball from one side to the other before crossing midfield, all people on team touching the ball before scoring, can significantly increase the difficulty for a team to avoid running up the score.

Director of Field Operations & Development (FieldOperations@rtsa.org) – Jeff Fino

Lights at Christ Church were scheduled to be removed after the last week in May.. We extended the rental for 1 week to accommodate the additional practices / games due to the bad weather we had earlier in the season.. After scheduling pick up of the lights, Christ Church asked if they could rent them for the Fair.. They agreed on the rental price for the additional time.. I believe in negotiating with the rental company they said they would not charge us for the week in between usage, and I'm going to see if the agreed rental amount Christ Church is paying will be enough to cover the total usage time therefore limiting the amount RTSA will have to pay for the additional usage.. Pick up of these lights should have happened last week, however I did not receive confirmation.. if they are not picked up yet, they will be by weeks end.

Tom and I relocated the PVC nets from Christ Church to Enholm, and Tom Rob and I set the field up for the games that were switched due to the Fair..

I am away this week, but will be available for the breaking down and storing of all the nets when I return if needed

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

Season is concluded, all fees have been submitted to RTSA Treasurer – see below. Expected payments shall be paid during June meeting or subsequently mailed.

Couple of issues of concerns...

1. Coaches are not supporting referees in ensuring that players are not wearing ANY jewelry of any kind during matches, this includes earrings and "religious" items. When challenged they frequently respond "well this is the first time I have heard this".
 - a. They are aggressive with older referees, who reach out to me on the matter.
 - b. Was informed by a non-identified third party that they are very aggressive to younger referees who appear to be reluctant to report the matter to me. Working on securing details on this issue. If details can be obtained and verified – once submitted to the board, a meeting with the coach / parent should be conducted.
2. Coaches are not aware of the rules, nonetheless believe that are all knowing and challenge young (and older) referees on calls.

No reported injuries.

Recommend reviewing the laws of the game to coaches prior to next season.

Final payments to referees are as follows:

Referee	Paid	Trainee Matches	Owed
Carmagnola, Nicholas	\$0	3	\$80
Donayre, Danny	\$0		\$25
Donayre, Gabe	\$0		\$75
Gill, Collin	\$0		\$195
Laccetti, Chris	\$0		\$50
Laccetti, Liz	\$0		\$75
McMahon, Joe	\$0		\$50
McMahon, Joey	\$0		\$25
Miller, Darlene	\$0		\$265
Morelli, Matt	\$0	1	\$160
Morris, Monica	\$0		\$25
Olsen, John	\$0		\$230
Olsen, Zachary	\$0		\$300
Rzepecki, Oliver	\$0		\$125
Warner, Rebecca	\$0		\$125
Total	\$0		\$1,805

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

In the midst of collecting equipment, emails sent to those still needing to turn in items to drop on my front porch.

Rec Director Report: (recdirector@rtsa.org) Aaron Tomasini

Thanks Colin for coordinating equipment return. End of season issues on email addresses as some coaches use their spouses email. There were some unhappy parents that felt their coach was not getting emails.
Will look to send out details that earrings & necklaces cannot be worn during soccer games to take off pressure from referee crews.

RVSL Director (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) Joe Gajda

Season complete
Waiting on 3 teams to return their passes
A Boys 1 Ferguson
A Girls 1 Rivera (plus ref game fee)
AA Boys 2

AA Girls returned 1 game fee \$140
I have \$20 cash for a uniform jersey
I will contact Rick to drop off both items

I'm not available to attend the RV meeting on Tuesday 6/27 Colin Browne will attend for RT Thank You Colin!!!

I will complete the uniform inventory and return them to the Norway shed by this weekend I will advise what we will need to order for the Fall 2017

Committee Reports

Communications / website (webmaster@rtsa.org) – David Gavito
No Report

MVP Program – Rich Gordon
No Report

Uniform Chair- Samantha Martin
Need to schedule a tryout night for travel. Goal is to have Recreation order counts by 8/15 for fall season. Tom would like to combine it with a scanning night for ne

Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship (MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org) –
Massie Mondri Scholarship awarded tonight in honor of prior RTSA president during meeting - Massie Mondri winners have to have played Varsity Soccer, & RTSA
Justin Kaufmann is Morris Hills winner, will be present at July Meeting
Michael Lu is Morris Knolls winner, received award from Tom Nolan

Dave Wilson Memorial scholarship awarded tonight. 5 applicants resulted in 2 winners. Justin Browne & Andrea Pencak. Both Justin & Andrea were out of town. Andrea's father, Orest, was on hand to accept her award.

Old Business

New Business

July Meeting is: 7/31

Motion to adjourn – 8:27 PM Mark Manz Second/ David Sproul