



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

Minutes of the Meeting for August 28, 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:  
Director Field Op: Jeff Fino  
Travel Director: Rick Suntag  
Director of Coaching: Rich Gill  
Head Referee:  
Uniform Chair: Samantha Martin

Recreation Director: Aaron Tomasini  
Communication Director:

RV Director: Joe Gajda  
RT Soccer Liason:

**RTSA TRAVEL Teams Represented**

U09B United 09: Tim Miskimon  
U10B United: Paul NeKich  
U11B Xtreme: Anthony Polito  
U12B: Vipers: Jose Vadillo  
U12B: Bolts:  
U13B Rage: Tom Nolan  
U14B Rebels: Mark Manz  
U15B Warriors: Jason Epstein

U10G Banshees: Rich Gill  
U11G Tornados: Robyn Bogert  
U12G Storm: Samantha Martin  
U13G Crossfire: Kim Brookes  
U14G Herricanes: Rob Carmagnola  
U15G Riptide: Jim Haag

**In-Town Directors/Committees**

Massie Mundi:  
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MVP:

**General Attendees:**

Nils Johansson – RV Boys 03/04

*\*\* 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 7:36 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 \_\_July 31st meeting\_\_ Meeting (Sent on 8/21)
  - First \_\_Sam Martin\_\_\_\_\_ Second \_\_David Sproul\_\_\_\_\_
- Reminder to sign attendance sheet
- A couple requests for late registration for Rec / Valley this week, forwarding to directors.

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

Balance on hand as of July 31, 2017	\$1,118.80
Receivables	\$6,410.00
Disbursements	-\$0.00
Balance on hand as of August 28, 2017	\$7,528.80

Travel Coaches, see me at end of meeting for referee fee checks

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

1. Bianchi Bench dedicated. Was a wonderful event.
2. Norway and Mall fields have been worked on.
3. Banners for all fields have been ordered should be in on time to put up before season starts. Donors will be sent invoice and advertising banners will be placed at Norway.
4. Surplus in shed needs to be gone thru in time for picture day.

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

Registration has been closed completely since 8/25.

Rockaway Valley has no members on the wait list. - Only 1 player outstanding - Marty Bilch – 7/2/07 – APPROVED to RV C co-ed

Rec has a wait list for each division. Plus people that have expressed interest via email.

- PALS – 3 wait list
- American – 2 wait list
- Nationals – 1 wait list plus Triplet boys – Purcell
- International – 5 kids (Plus Bilch & Restrepo)

We also have a number of people who have emailed requesting late registration.

Action: Need to sit with Aaron to review team sizes / max. Start placing final people on teams

Action: Review refund process. May need treasurer to issue some checks due to refunding error

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

### 1. Fall Picture Day

- a. Saturday, September 30, 2017 for all divisions
- b. Will be held at Catherine A. Dwyer School
- c. Picture schedule needs to be made- We will try to work around games as best as possible. Since we have so many teams, we can't accommodate requests for a change of picture time unless it is due to a change in game time.
- d. Volunteers are needed to help with the day
  - \* Travel teams will need 2 volunteers to help run the Spiritwear table and coaches' check-in table, distribute Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser coupons, assist with picture forms, and keeping teams on schedule for their pictures.
  - \*Will also ask for volunteers from Rec and Rockaway Valley to assist the travel teams
- e. **Picture forms will be emailed to families so that they can pre-order pictures and help keep teams on schedule.** Some paper forms will be available on picture day.
- f. Coaches, or a team representative if the coach is unavailable, are responsible for picking up pictures. Even if a team doesn't take a team photo, coaches must pick up any individual player pictures.

### 2. Travel Team Booster Representative

- a. Travel coaches- Please email me ([boosters@rtsa.org](mailto:boosters@rtsa.org)) the name, email, and contact number for your team's Booster Rep by Friday, Sept. 8th.

### 3. Fall Raffle

- a. Rob Carmagnola and I are going to the Municipal Building this week to sign the raffle form that needs to be sent to the State Department of Games.
- b. Each ticket will be a \$10 donation.
- c. There will be 3 prizes: 1st- \$1000, 2nd-\$500, 3rd-\$250
- d. Proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of items such as lights at the fields, trainers for each division, replacing equipment, new goals, and field repairs.

### 4. Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser

- a. Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at BWW in the outer Rockaway Mall
- b. Use the coupon to Eat in or Dine out and BWW will contribute a portion of each bill to RTSA.

### 5. RTSA Event at Dick's Sporting Goods

- a. The coupon for the Aug. 26th RTSA Event at Dick's was sent out in an email to the association and was posted to Facebook. If you didn't receive the email, please log into your Blue Sombrero account and check that your email address is up-to-date and that you have allowed your email to receive messages from RTSA. Please also make sure that RTSA is in your approved contacts, in case the email went to Spam.

### 6. Information for Board of Ed emails

- a. Board member and coaches- If you would like any information to be sent out in the Board of Ed's emails, please contact Anthony Lanzerotti, our Booster V.P. This would include information such as sign-up dates, travel tryout dates, Rutgers certification courses, information about becoming a referee, fundraisers, and teams that win their flight or a major tournament/cup.

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

Looks like we are ready to get going on the new season.

Travel cards are printed and ready to go. Rick Suintag deserves kudos for making sure we got everything done early. There is a backlog now and we were done before problems occurred.

Practices start next week with the trainers.

We started the billing process in Bonzi, so we will be all set to transition the rest of the club over for spring registration.

Coaches, start using the Bonzi Team app for communication with your team. Put your practices in there. The games will automatically populate. The system will send out reminders and texts automatically for you. Remember, communication with your team is important to keeping the sidelines quiet.

We did do seeding at the Mall and Norway last week. We may push practices next week to a different field. Stay tuned.

I had a conversation with the town about the condition of Enholm Field, as it is deteriorating rapidly. I asked about putting resources (money) into it. Probably not this year as DPW has taken over the field group. That director won't go to the Board and ask for money. I am looking to meet and see if there are solutions we can come up with. Stay tuned.

Kim Brookes asked about medical releases. Seems we still need them printed and it is suggested that parents sign them just in case. Rob suggests doing a test print.

Good luck everyone.

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

I'll be at the MCYSA meeting 8/28 and will probably get a lot more information on game cards, guest players, secondary players.

Carding for the club is complete with the exception of 1 player currently waiting to be approved by our new DC. Final flighting is was released on 8/27. Preliminary Schedule came out 8/28, towns working game times.

Thank you to Liz Parsons for printing passes for the club. Tom is distributing to coaches.

Reminder - Mandatory travel coaches meeting on 9/5 7:30PM at Eisenhower Middle School in Roxbury. Someone from your team must attend.

State rosters and medical release forms are available to coaches by logging into their Bonzi team account from a computer. Note that there's still a bug in the medical release that causes parent/guardian email addresses to be truncated. Make sure to have the medical release forms signed

Additional player passes can be generated by admins from the Bonzi backend (ask me if you need one).

SAGE forms are no longer required

Player passes will be shown to the referee during check-in and immediately returned to the team. Since suspensions will be enforced via the game card, there's no reason for the referee to hold passes. It's likely that starting a year from now, you won't need player passes at all as player photos will appear on the game card.

The new game card format has not been released yet. Unlike the past, it will not be an Excel or pdf file with you typing or writing the game information in - it will be generated online, only available within a few (probably 3) days before a game and all player names (with the likely exception of secondary players) will be printed on the game card. The league will have the ability to block players who have been suspended. It's unknown when this new game card will be ready.

Guest players will likely be added to your roster via a drag-and-drop interface during game card creation. This is still in development

Secondary players will be allowed, but the procedure for adding them is still undefined and will probably fall outside of Bonzi as it's not a NJYS function.

Reminder for U11, U12, U13 teams - sign up for league cup is active at <http://www.mcyasa.org/home.php?layout=270882> . Send me a copy of your registration form and we'll get a single check out for the club. You can find your team connect code by logging in to <https://www.bonziteam.com>

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

Anyone needing preseason practice time please email me the dates/time you are seeking. Cheshire notified me that Andrew Diaz can't train Mon/Wed so another trainer is being assigned.

Parsippany tourney deadline is 9/8/17 for those interested.

Don't forget to register for league cup for u11, u12, and u13 for fall.

Kevin Rosenberg is now head coach at MCCC. He has offered an open door if coaches email him to come and watch a training session. Email him at mens\_soccer@ccm.edu.

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

See President & Vice President report. PVC goals needed at Christ Church apx 9/9. Will set up cones for parking.

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

I will be in Chicago so – not in attendance.

New and re-certified Grade 9 referees are required to attend a special RVSL training (hosted by Rich Herbison) in order to officiate RVSL matches. Email was sent to all RTSA registered referees with a CC to the president and RVSL representative (Joe Gjada). See below...

Only Grade 9's either new or re-certified must attend in order to be eligible for RVSL matches. Grade 8's are not required.

All referees must attend one of the RVSL certification courses (shown below) to receive a NEW referee pass for the Fall 2017/Spring 2018 seasons specifically for RVSL.

Please notify ALL your referees on their mandatory attendance at the Refresher / Re Cert. All referees must attend to receive a NEW referee pass for the Fall 2017/Spring 2018 seasons We have 6 C Co Ed teams this season for a total of 24 home games to be played at Enholm Contact me with any questions

Please see below the confirmed courses for the Fall 2017 season

Referees must be USSF grade 9, grade 8 or higher to officiate C division games

Registration on the website rvsl.org will open Thursday 8/24

Please have "ALL your referees register on the rvsl.org site under the youth referee room

All info is posted on the website Course instructor is Rich Herbison

Youth Referee Refreshers / Re Cert  
August 30th, 7:00 - 8:15 PM Wednesday

September 8th - 7:00 - 8:15 PM Friday

Location  
Jefferson Health Center  
67 Minisink Road  
Lake Hopatcong NJ

September 9th, - 2:00 - 3:15 PM Saturday

Location is: Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.  
Address is: 204 Espanong Road Lake Hopatcong NJ 07849

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

Still waiting on a few coaches to return their equipment from the Spring. Received team numbers from Rockaway Valley for the Fall season. Just need to get team numbers from Rec. so equipment bags can be built and can set a pickup date for equipment. Also, looking for anyone that could help build the bags with me this season. I also will be stepping down from this position at the end of this season so we will be looking for someone to take my place.

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

Will get numbers and field assignments set shortly, working with Tom.

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

Season Starts Sept 16  
We still need B Girls coaches  
Which field will RV use for practice  
Turned in \$60 cash for jerseys purchased in the Spring 2017

If you did not attend the meeting on 8/21 here are some additional meeting dates there will be only 1 or 2 future dates in Sept please don't miss out The 3 Refresher meetings are for RETURNING RV COACHES ONLY  
NO PASS NO COACH NO EXCEPTIONS

Joe's RVSL Sportsmanship Refresher Coaches Meeting & New Coaches Meeting. Meetings will be Wednesday 8/30 at Rockaway Township Senior Center

19 Mt Hope Road Rockaway (by the parks lake gazebo)  
7-730 PM Refresher Course for ALL returning coaches  
please have them bring their current coaches pass or Rutgers Certification Card

7:40 - 8:50 PM New Coaches meeting  
please make sure they bring their Rutgers Certification Card

Rich's RVSL Sportsmanship Refresher Coaches Meetings  
Please have them bring their current coaches pass or Rutgers Certification Card  
August 29th -- 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Mine Hill Civic Center  
12 Baker Street  
Mine Hill NJ

Rich's RVSL Sportsmanship Refresher Coaches Meetings  
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September 5th, - 7:00 - 8:15 PM  
Jefferson Health Center  
67 Minisink Road  
Lake Hopatcong NJ

Once the Open House Dates are final I will email the coaches and players a spread sheet with who needs to attend and what the requirements are NEW PLAYERS OR PLAYERS MOVING UP A DIVISION AA A B divisions require a recent 1 x 1 portrait picture (size to fit a drivers license) and a copy the birth certificate code of conduct & medical release will be collected at the 1st practice (printable forms on the [rtsa.org](http://rtsa.org) website) At least 1 coach from each team must attend and bring a pen Season Starts Sept 16  
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**TENTATIVE OPEN HOUSE DATES** / Location RT Sr Ctr 19 Mt Hope Road Rockaway (by the parks lake gazebo)

AA Boys Thursday Aug 31 815 - 915 PM

A Boys Team 1 & Team 2 Thursday Aug 31 815 - 915 PM

A Girls Thursday Aug 31 7 - 8 PM

B Girls Thursday Aug 31 7 - 8 PM

B Boys #1 #2 #3 Friday Sept 8 745 - 9 PM

C Co Ed your team # will be on the email & spread sheet that will determine what time slot you have

Teams #5 & # 6 Friday Sept 8 630 - 7 PM

Teams #3 & #4 Friday Sept 8 7 - 730 PM

Teams #1 & #2 Friday Sept 8 730 - 8 PM

Practice will begin Sept 5 M - F Field location TBD it will be either Perterson Field **OR** Christ Church

Each team has the option for two 1 hour session and will share the 1/2 the field with other teams

Time slots 530 - 630 PM 630 - 730 PM 730 - 830 PM If you have not sent me your practice day request please email them to me

Cheshire Soccer Trainers will be working with us again this season on M W F If you do not want a trainer include that in your email

Thanks Again for Coaching

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## Committee Reports

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

No Report

**MVP Program** – Will not run this fall

**Uniform Chair**- Samantha Martin

Need rec teams and sizes by teams asap to get the orders in or we risk not having uniform for first game. Rec & Valley Uniforms should be in by end of the week. Looking for count of pinnies needed for Valley teams. Coaches shirts will be ordered soon. RTSA website link will be up soon to allow for going forward orders; disclaimer will be entered that uniform number must be confirmed by coach and that order placer is responsible for cost of any uniform number issue.

## New Business

Anthony Polito asked why International Rec was moved to CoEd. Tom walked thru reasoning is that Rockaway Valley C, which is the next level up, is coed and we are looking to stay consistent. PALs & American has been Coed forever, and National moved to CoEd last year. International was only division left to move to CoEd. This will just keep things consistent from PALs thru Rockaway Valley C. Aaron working to try to have relatively balanced distribution of boys & girls per team.

For trainers that are supposed to be at home games, if the trainer does not attend all 5 games how do we track? Do we put on RTSA.org game report? Tom stated currently we pay only for when they attend but good idea to enter on game

September Meeting is: 9/25

Motion to adjourn – 8:36 PM Joe Gajda Second/ Jason Epstein