

Wakefield Soccer Association
 Monthly Meeting Minutes
 October 13, 2015 – 8:30 pm

Board Members Attendance:

President – David Dube	Present	Director of League Relations – Stephen DeGaravilla	Present
Treasurer – Anne Miller	Present	Director of Risk Management – Michael Kilkelly	Present
Secretary – Brian Leishman	Present	At Large Member – Matt Lane	Absent
Director of Travel – Chris Wilson	Present	At Large Member – Cleo Rizos	Present
Director of Intramural – Chris Smith	Present	At Large Member – Ben Schools	Absent
Director of Fields – Mike Boudreau	Present		

Also Present: Director of Coaching – Michael Caine

7 WSA members in attendance

- **Secretary’s Report** – Reviewed and accepted minutes from July 14 and August 25, 2015 meetings as presented
- **President’s Comments (David Dube)**
 - David and Anne have continued to move forward with the paperwork for WSA non-profit status
 - We are currently a 501c-4, moving to 501c-3
 - Establishing Finance Committee
 - Switched accounting firms – Ken Bucci (Lynnfield)
 - Night at the Revs is this Saturday
 - We’ve sold most of the 100 tickets we purchased, but there are still a few available
 - Tailgating begins at 5:00pm
 - Website is under construction, but nearing launch
 - Q) Do we publish field closings on the current website?
 - A) We do it through SportsManager, which generates an automated email
- **Treasurer’s Report (Anne Miller)**
 - Anne presented numbers for Jul, Aug, and Sep
 - Discussion of the unusually high number of registration refunds
 - Mostly a combination of schedule conflicts and younger players who decided they didn’t like it
 - Discussion of budget goals: we are working on a formal budget this year, with a goal of net \$0
 - Need a closer analysis of league fees expense before the report is approved
- **Intramural Program (Chris Smith)**
 - Season is off to a great start, 4 weeks left
 - Great numbers in the younger program on Sunday mornings at Walton/Mullen:
 - 140 U5 kids
 - 120 U6
 - U7 & U8 Academies on Wed night are also going well
 - Co-ed intramural has gone well so far
- **Travel Program (Chris Wilson)**
 - It’s been great to have the single turf venue for Saturday games
 - We have had to have some flexibility due to high school scheduling

- **MYSL Report (Stephen DeGaravilla)**
 - MYSL president John Linehan provided some news of potential upcoming changes
 - No longer restrict dual-rostering
 - U16/U18 will now allow 22-man rosters
 - U14 Div 3, 4, and 5 will allow 22-man game-day rosters
 - This has potential ramifications if a team moves up to Div 1 or 2 between fall and spring
 - Indoor facilities with boards are not insured by Mass Youth Soccer
 - Check with indoor leagues to verify they are insured
 - Indoor facilities without boards ARE covered by Mass Youth Soccer insurance
 - League did not vote on the 75% rule
 - It will be first item on the agenda at November MYSL meeting

- **DoC Report (Michael Caine)**
 - New this season is the weekly age-group training sessions
 - They are going well
 - Winter Training sessions will be finalized soon, at which point registration will be open
 - Tentative Jan 10 – Mar 20
 - Oct 21st and 22nd is an E license course in Wilmington
 - Wait list usually gets into the course
 - The new Academy coaches from the Revolution are both doing a great job
 - Coach feedback: players coming from Academy to U10, their coaches could use some help with curriculum for teaching some gameplay fundamentals like: goal kicks, throw-ins, corner kicks, etc
 - Q) Should coaches at U10 force players to be goalkeepers?
 - A) Find out early in the season who is interested. Don't force anyone who doesn't want to.

- **Equipment Report (Cleo Rizos)**
 - Email Cleo if you have equipment needs

- **Referee Report (Michael Kilkelly)**
 - Travel coaches are encouraged to ALWAYS fill out their referee report after games
 - We need more refs, particularly Assistant Refs
 - Must be 14+
 - ½ season checks are being sent out to AR's and Intramural refs
 - Q) What is our recourse at away games when Referees are biased?
 - A) Use the Comments section of the referee report to provide specific details
 - Town ref assigners see these reports

- **Field Report (Mike Boudreau)**
 - Question about process for closing fields, it seems that last Friday the cancellation might have been premature
 - Generally, we try not to wait too long to give enough advance notice, but sometimes it means that forecast changes. Also, in general we can't get indoor space at the last minute
 - The board will review procedures

- **Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10**
 - Conflicts with MYSL meeting, so may be rescheduled

- **Adjourned at 9:30**