

Wakefield Soccer Association  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2013 – 8:00pm

**Board Members Present:** President – Mike Boudreau; Secretary – Brian Leishman; Travel Director – David Dube; Intramural Director – Chris Smith; Director of Fields & Facilities (interim) – Jim McGovern; Director of Equipment & Website – Erik Domingo; Director of Risk Management – Mike Kilkelly; Registrar & Director of Volunteerism – Anne Miller; Director of League Relations – Steve de Garavilla; Director of Coaching – Matt Colven; Director of Referees (interim) – Kevin Horrigan

**Absent:** Treasurer – Jim Rollins;

11 WSA members in attendance

- **Secretary's Report** – Reviewed and approved minutes from April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion of PlayerPass rules.
- **President's Comments** –
  - **Town Meeting** – Bond for additional field amenities will be up for vote. \$600,000 from existing “rainy day” fund, so no tax increase. Please try to attend and vote on Monday. Email blast will go out this week.
  - **Thank you** to all coaches for their flexibility and understanding regarding field space challenges
  - **Middlesex Soccer site** is the best resource for the player pass rules
- **Challenger Summer Camp** (Anne Miller) – Identical week-long camps weeks of August 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Evening sessions are also still a possibility for the August 12<sup>th</sup> week. Camps will take place at Moulton
  - We need a volunteer to coordinate the coach hosting process (replacing Kim Hubbard). Please contact Anne. Also contact her if you are interested in hosting a coach.
- **Treasurer's Report** – deferred until next meeting. We do have a draft budget that the board will review by next month.
- **Director of Coaching Report** – (MattC)
  - Keep pushing yourself outside your comfort zone at practice sessions
  - Travel coach education sessions have been well-attended. Intramural not as well
    - These sessions are important, as they help enable coaches to provide an environment that keeps kids in the program. This is the kids' introduction to soccer.
  - Please seek Matt out if you have questions or concerns about the intramural practice sessions
  - Travel – utilize game scenarios. Please also don't hold back from reinforcing coaching points
- **Intramural Program** – Chris Smith
  - We want to make sure the kids are having fun and learning skills
  - Some videos and sessions are being created to assist with teaching
    - They will be linked from the Wakefield Soccer website
  - One more U7 Academy session
  - U5 and U6 sessions will continue at Comverse, which has worked out nicely
  - Please have your end-of-year parties offsite to avoid hurt feelings on other teams
  - 5 weeks to go
- **MYSL Report** – Stephen DeGaravilla

- MYSL meeting next week
- Annual General Meeting next Wednesday at 6pm in Woburn
  - WSA has four votes, need at least four attendees
- Concern about significant number of Memorial Day games that have not been rescheduled yet
  - Also concern about some coaches having difficulty with the rescheduling system
    - Please contact David and Stephen if you are unable to make progress on a makeup
    - It is also always a good idea to cc your age director
- **Travel Program – David Dube**
  - **Coach education session** – this Sunday
  - **Tryout Process**
    - Travel tryout skills being finalized soon
      - Changing the U14 shooting activity
    - Tryouts will be at Walsh
      - Dates: May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 6th
      - Times still to be finalized
      - Coaches are expected to participate
    - Sunday, May 12 – mandatory coach/parent volunteer session
      - 7 – 8pm
    - Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> – last-minute details meeting
      - Galvin Gym
      - 7 – 8pm
    - Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> – coach/volunteer session
    - Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> is the team picking meeting at 6pm at Harringtons
      - Scouting players is highly recommended
      - We are looking for important input from current coaches about skill levels and commitment levels
- **Equipment Report – Erik Domingo**
  - Nothing to report
- **Next meeting June 6th**
- **Adjourned at 9:00**