

Wakefield Soccer Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2013 – 8:00pm

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

Absent: Director of Referees – vacant; Treasurer – Jim Rollins

15 WSA members in attendance

- **Secretary's Report** – Reviewed and accepted minutes from August 28 meeting
- **President's Comments** –
 - **Zero Tolerance**
 - We've had a few recent coach conduct issues with referee interactions
 - Zero means zero. Please do not address refs during the games **at all**.
 - It doesn't have to be yelling to be intimidating
 - If you have safety concerns during a game, WSA will support you if you choose to pull your team off the field
 - We need to be role models to our players
 - Use the SportsManager referee report to assess refs, don't use the online game report
 - All travel coaches should be getting an automated referee evaluation for every game. If you don't receive one, please contact your age director.
 - Dan White: can we encourage the refs to not use "it's only intramurals" to defend the quality of their game
 - Bob Bry suggests that in addition to zero tolerance, could we pursue addressing safety concerns with referees as well
 - Jim Grady: Younger refs seem to struggle with calling and controlling physicality during games
 - Stephen DeGaravilla and Mike K indicated that MYSL is very focused on player safety, and the head of Referees is taking strides to ensure referees are being assigned appropriately
 - **Fields Update** –
 - Walton is functional
 - Permanent lights will not likely be on this season, temporary lights will remain in use
 - Town has not yet put up field usage rules signs (no Gatorade, chairs, etc.)
 - We are looking into our own signage
 - Beasley lights will be online in a few days
 - Landrigan is also up and running
 - Discussion has begun to allocate fields for Spring season
 - **Night at the Revs** – we only have 20 players signed up, so please promote this with your team
 - Deadline is the 14th
- **Treasurer's Report** – To be presented next month
- **Director of Coaching Update**
 - Coach education this Sunday starts at 7pm at Walton
 - Goalkeeping sessions Sundays at 5pm through the rest of the season

- We've had some conflicts with the high school team at Moulton, but we are working to resolve it
 - Darkness is impacting DoC sessions, so if you'd prefer to have the DoC attend one of your regular sessions, just let Matt and Steve know
 - Also, please contact Matt beforehand with questions or practice plan input
 - Please avoid line drills, as it is getting cold
- Please also utilize the curriculum as much as possible
- **Intramural Program**
 - U6 and U7 will be set up with high school player mentors starting October 12th for 3 sessions
 - Dribbling
 - Receiving
 - TBD
 - Utilize the coaches corner website
 - Remember that you are a role model for your players
- **MYSL Report**
 - David and Stephen attended the MYSL meeting earlier this week
 - Top topics were referee abuse and safety
 - Please do not talk to the ref during game play. Take notes instead.
 - Please fill out your weekly referee report
 - Dave Vigeant at MYSL is working hard to improve the quality of the referees
- **Travel Program**
 - David has gotten lots of info about coaching sessions during off-season, he will forward some
 - Please be sure to schedule your makeup games quickly
 - Contact Erik if you need patches for tournaments
 - David and MikeB met with the HS coaches about getting some consistency from level to level and as we feed into the HS system
 - It's embarrassing when Wakefield is singled out at MYSL meetings for conduct and sportsmanship issues
 - U16 and U18 travel tryouts on November 17th
 - HS coaches are not permitted to be involved
 - Second TOPS Soccer venue is this upcoming Sunday
 - 2:00 at Sullivan
 - First one was very successful
- **Equipment Report**
 - Travel coach sweatshirts should be in next week
 - We have patches on order as well
- **Other Items:**
 - We won't have gym space for winter training sessions
 - Mass Youth Soccer will be offering 10 week sessions in Burlington, Middleton, Somerville, Waltham
 - \$140 for 10 week sessions
 - Board will also consider reimbursement for team training during the winter
- **Next meeting:** November 7th
- **Adjourned at 8:50pm**