

Wakefield Soccer Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2014 – 8:00pm

Board Member Attendance:

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

17 WSA members in attendance

- **Secretary's Report (Brian Leishman)** – Reviewed and accepted minutes from February 6 meeting
- **President's Comments (David Dube)** –
 - **New BoD Updates:** Mike Kilkelly has taken on the Director of Referee position.
 - Anne will handle assigning this spring, and Sheri Lanzaraone will assist and prep to assign in the fall
 - **DoC Update:** We've hired a new DoC from Challenger – Tom Connor
 - He is immediately working on a Wakefield-specific training curriculum
 - **We are wrapping up our Challenger** relationship, and they will be doing some onsite age-group specific training sessions this spring
 - We'll also schedule 6-hours of coach development/education seminars. We'll be asking for coach input on the training topics.
 - **The board has approved a \$500 stipend** per team to help teams offset the cost of indoor winter training
 - All players **MUST** be registered before they can participate in team activities
- **Treasurer's Report (Jim Rollins)**
 - Reviewed the February report
 - The \$1200 for indoor turf rental was for the U16 – U18 tryouts (\$300 per hour)
- **Intramural Program (Chris Smith)**
 - Season is scheduled to start weekend of 4/12 - 13, weather permitting
 - U5 – U7 at Comverse on Sunday mornings
 - U6 and U7 will introduce a brief goalkeeper session
 - U8 will be Saturdays at Doyle field
 - Skill session during the week with the DoC as well
 - All coaches must be CORI'd
 - Coach licensing courses are available
 - WSA pays for this
 - Look for emails from Chris in the coming weeks with more information about the upcoming season
 - **Member Question:** Can we look into filling in some of the holes at Comverse?
 - A: It's a good idea. Chris will consult with Comverse
 - **Member Input** – it's unfortunate that there is no U10 intramural program in the spring
 - Historically, we have just not had the field space, but that might change in the future with the new turf fields coming online
- **MYSL Report (Stephen DeGaravilla)**

- There will be a MYSL coaches meeting 3/22, time and location to be determined
- Travel season starts 4/5
 - U16 & U18 start 4/13
- Memorial Day games are placeholders
 - They can be played, but have to be treated like a makeup game – involve your travel directors
- Schedules are online, but should not be. They are NOT final yet!
 - Won't be final until after the coaches meeting
- **Travel Program**
 - In the next several weeks, David will be printing out player and coach pass cards
 - All travel teams U12 and above need player and coach cards
 - U10 just needs coach cards
 - Cards should be ready at April 2 WSA meeting
 - Michael is organizing field locations for both practices and games
 - **Member request:** Can we revisit the deadline for registration for spring?
 - Currently, 3/25 is very late with the season starting on 4/2. It can put a coach in a pinch if someone decides at the last minute that they aren't returning
 - Board will consider at an upcoming meeting
- **Equipment Report (Anne)**
 - Equipment room downstairs is being renovated
 - Hallway is being painted March 28 – April 2, so we'll need to be diligent about getting our equipment needs taken care of prior to that
 - Equipment room hours will be Tuesday 5 - 7:30 and Wed 6 – 7 starting next week through March
 - **Member Question:** Are there specific field equipment guidelines this season considering the turf field usage?
 - A) We'll figure that out soon
- **Risk Management (Mike K)**
 - Goal safety reminder: they need to be checked and fastened before all activities
 - Do NOT let kids play on the goals
 - Concussions: Mass Youth Soccer has a strict concussion policy
 - If you suspect a head injury (practice or game), it is YOUR responsibility as a coach to sit the player down and talk to their parent about having the player cleared medically
 - CORI policy: new coaches (or new assistants) should not be involved in team activities until their CORI check is complete
 - They need to get Michael a copy of their driver license (one time only)
 - Current CORI checks are good for 3 years
- **Challenger Camp Update (Anne)**
 - There will be two Challenger Camps
 - July 28
 - August 4 - 8
 - One week is British coaches, the other will be Brazilian
 - Information and registration are available on the WSA website
 - Anne will have brochures at the next meeting
 - We'll be looking for host families again

- **Final Words**
 - David read NSCAA article – “Ethics – Playing Time for the Star Player”
 - Followed by some open discussion
- **Next meeting:** April 2 – (Wednesday)
 - This will be last meeting before start of spring season
- **Adjourned at 9:15**