

Wakefield Soccer Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 2, 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 – Chris Wilson	Present	At Large Member – Anne Miller	Present
Director of Intramural – Chris Smith	Present	At Large Member – Cleo Rizos	Present

Also present: Director of Fields & Facilities Mike Boudreau; Director of Coaching Tom Connor

21 WSA members in attendance

• **President's Comments (David Dube) –**

- Thank you to everyone for their efforts in getting us ready for the spring season
- Welcome new Director of Coaching Tom Connor
- Welcome new Director of Travel Chris Wilson
- We will be scheduling an NSCAA coach training course this season, please provide your suggestions for topics
- **Wakefield United**
 - Last fall we piloted the WU select/club program with a Girls U12 team that participated in MAPLE
 - Team was a combination of players from GU12-1 and GU12-2 teams (all Wakefield kids)
 - WSA will now be looking to expand the program for next Fall/Spring
 - More info to come
 - Games are typically on Sundays with 1 practice per week
- Amanda Lanzarone spoke about a Girl Scout program to reduce waste by providing all players with water bottles

• **Treasurer's Report (Jim Rollins)**

- No final report yet for March
- 35015 dollars of income
- 7955 expenses
 - Expenses will increase as season begins

• **Intramural Program (Chris Smith)**

- Season begins weekend of April 12/13
- U8 starts 4/12
 - Boys: 3 teams round-robin: skills and games
 - Girls: 4 teams
- U5 – U7 Sundays at Converse
- Rosters will be finalized this coming weekend
- Chris will send details to coaches and parents
- Uniforms will be distributed at the field the first weekend
- No games Easter weekend
- Curriculum: Tom Connor will be distributing

- **MYSL Report (Stephen DeGaravilla)**
 - League decided last night to move all Week 1 games to the week of June 14th
 - Memorial Day games have been cancelled and should be rescheduled through the make-up process
 - This is the responsibility of the Home coach
 - U12 and up: Bring 2 copies of rosters and player passcards to every game
 - U10: Only coaches need passcards
 - ALWAYS communicate with your opposing coach. DON'T rely on SportsManager
 - Commissioners Cup is June 21 and 22
 - If you have any problems with the league, please include Stephen in any communications
 - Each team should make an effort to send at least one coach to the MYSL coaches meetings
 - Zero Tolerance was emphasized at the last meeting
 - DO NOT talk to the referees. Don't approach them at halftime
 - If you are concerned for your team's safety, pull them from the field
- **Travel Program (Chris Wilson)**
 - All teams should be signing up for their practice schedule on SignUp Genius
 - Coach applications must be completed by this Sunday for the Fall season
 - Takes less than 2 minutes
 - Head **and** Assistant coaches
 - Please bring a copy of your practice plan for Tom Connor
 - Do not move the goals at Walton field until after the new wheels have been installed
 - First team on the field is responsible for corner flag setup
 - Last team is responsible for putting them away
 - Walton flags in gang box
 - Beasley flags go to Dolbeare shed
 - There will be a gang box in the near future at Beasley
 - Walton gang box will also include a half dozen extra game balls
 - Cleats are allowed at Walton
 - Fans will need to be at the end lines of the U12 fields at the Walton
 - It is the home coach's job to direct the fans to the right space
 - Be in touch with the visiting team
 - Beasley goals are in place
 - Dolbeare is off limits for the time being
 - Converse is available any weeknight
 - Permanent Walton lights: ETA of 4/15
 - We also have conversion kits for the portable flat goals
- **Equipment Report (Anne)**
 - Travel teams needing equipment
 - T and W 6:00 – 7:00 equipment room hours during April
- **Risk Management (Mike K)**
 - CORI process: see Mike after the meeting if he still needs a copy of your driver license
 - Safety:
 - No players wear earrings, hard casts
 - Strict concussion policy through Mass Youth Soccer
 - Any player suspected of having a concussion in game or practice needs to stop participating until a doctor's note has been received

- All goals must be secured
 - We're using sandbags
 - No players climbing or hanging on goals
- Referees
 - Mike and Anne are managing town referees
 - Assigning Center refs for home games
 - Please fill out your referee evaluation forms, especially for home games
 - We put on a ref clinic last weekend
 - In a situation where there are no AR's available, we may be asked by the center referee to provide "club linesman" who would be a parent on the sideline with a flag that indicates out-of-bounds and award of throw-in
 - They DON'T call offside
- Mass Youth Soccer has info on their website about DSP (District Select Program) for this summer
 - Starts July 5 – August 3rd
 - Saturdays and Sundays in Lancaster with tournament at the end
 - U12 – U19
 - Requires tryouts
 - April, May in Woburn
- **Director of Coaching (Tom Connor)**
 - Tom is here to help develop a framework for a Wakefield training curriculum
 - DoC expectations:
 - Have a session plan for EVERY practice that includes
 - Warm-up
 - Small sided game with ball retention (keep-away)
 - Technical
 - Tactical
 - Free play / Scrimmage
 - Be prepared and on time
 - Understand the session plan
 - Ask Tom for help as necessary
 - Tom will distribute additional info
- **Next meeting: May 1**
- **Adjourned at 9:35**