

Wakefield Soccer Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2014 – 8:00pm

Board Members 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 – Mike Boudreau

9 WSA members in attendance

- **Secretary's Report (Brian Leishman)** – Reviewed minutes from May 1 meeting. Accepted as presented.
- **President's Comments (David Dube)** –
 - **Director of Coaching Update**
 - Michael Caine has accepted the position of full-time DoC
 - He starts July 1st
 - 2-year consultant contract
 - **MYSL U18/19 Age Director**
 - Stephen DeGaravilla is the new MYSL girls and boys U18/U19 Age Director
 - This helps increase the Wakefield presence in MYSL
 - **Tryout Summary**
 - Congrats to Anne and Chris for pulling off a fantastic event
 - Thank you to all the volunteers
 - Lots of positive feedback from parents
 - **Wakefield United**
 - The WU pilot program has been very successful this year – one GU12 team in MAPLE
 - 6 wins and 1 loss this spring
 - Same team will play U13 in MAPLE next fall
 - We'll also roster 1 girls and 1 boys U9 teams in MAPLE in the fall
 - **Coaches Meeting**
 - We held a coaches meeting recently for all upcoming fall head coaches
 - Intention was to get everyone on the same page regarding tryouts and team selection processes
 - **Field Notes**
 - The Wakefield Rec Dept is monitoring closely the use of the new turf fields
 - Particularly the track around Beasley field
 - Need to always use the mat when crossing the track
 - We'll need to be especially diligent to ensure we're in compliance with our permit
 - **Coaches Discussion: Running up the Score**
 - Discussion of how to show good sportsmanship and keep the game from getting out of hand
- **Treasurer's Report (Jim Rollins)**
 - Reviewed April and May financial reports
 - 501c-3 paperwork has been submitted

- Galvin lining expense is for the U12 lines
 - Town covers the U14 lining
- Budget report is being put together
- Member question: With our field issues mostly alleviated by the new turf fields, do we need to continue to carry a large cash balance?
 - We still have long-term decisions to make about Dolbeare
- **Intramural Program (Chris Smith)**
 - Finishing up this weekend
 - It was a great season
 - Coaches did a tremendous job
 - Looking to set up some expanded games for all ages on an upcoming weekend at Walton
 - U5 – U7 this weekend, leave your equipment at the field (Comverse) and Chris will take care of turning it in for you at the equipment cage
 - Fall registration is open, lots of players have already signed up
 - Looking for coaches for the fall
 - U5 – U14 in the fall
 - U12/U14 combined will likely use the U12 field and structure
- **MYSL Report (Stephen DeGaravilla)**
 - Thank you to all travel coaches; it's been a good spring for Wakefield in MYSL
 - We've been very competitive
 - Conduct has been good this spring
 - Please remember to maintain your composure in these last two weeks as teams fight for playoff spots
 - Red cards carry over to the postseason
 - Postseason play:
 - It depends on the number of brackets in your division
 - 1 bracket: top four teams
 - 2 brackets: top two teams from each bracket
 - 3 brackets: top teams, and second place teams have playoff for fourth spot
 - 4 brackets: top team from each bracket
 - 2/3 of the refs in the league are under 18 years old
 - Mass Youth Soccer golf tournament coming up
 - Proceeds go to the top program
 - If you have any league problems, please use Stephen as a resource
 - U12 play-in games will take place at Walton field
 - Too frequently, coaches have showed up at games without rosters or pass cards
 - Please be sure to bring these items
 - If you don't have them, you will need to call your commissioner to get permission to play
- **Travel Program (Chris Wilson)**
 - Tryouts went well – thank you to the volunteers
 - This Sunday is the second tryout at Beasley
 - Weather will be hotter, so be prepared
 - Spring player assessments have been sent to head coaches
 - Please complete and return to Chris by June 16th
 - Wakefield United
 - MAPLE is starting a new U9 program

- Wakefield will have a boys and girls U9 team
- Field is slightly smaller than U10 field
 - U10 rules, with offside inside the box
- During the 8 week season, games will be every other Sunday, but two games at a time
- We'll want all travel coaches to get G license over the summer
 - We'll also host an F license class in the fall
- **Equipment Report (Anne Miller)**
 - WSA has purchased 3 new canopies, and they are available to borrow if you're playing in a tournament or playoff game
 - Beginning June 18 cage will be open on Weds 6 – 7:30 for equipment return
 - Players can keep their current uniforms at the end of the season
- **Referee Report (Mike Kilkelly)**
 - We're looking at changes to the ref program for the fall and especially for next spring
 - Phasing out grade 9 refs, who can be as young as 12, as of Jan 1, 2015
 - All new refs after that will be grade 8 and must be at least 14 years old
 - This means Wakefield needs more high school aged referees
 - We also need to improve our training/mentoring program for referees
 - If you're interested in participating in a sub-committee to work on this, please see Mike Kilkelly or Anne Miller
- **Other items:**
 - **Dolbeare:** it's in much better shape than it was last spring, so the maintenance program is working
 - May need to rethink its use in the future
 - Spring only for U10, cross-field U5 games in the fall?
- **Next meeting:** July 10
- **Adjourned at 9:15**