

Wakefield Soccer Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2014 – 8:00pm

Board Members Attendance:

President – David Dube	Present	Director of League Relations – Stephen DeGaravilla	late
Treasurer – Jim Rollins	Present	Director of Risk Management – Michael Kilkelly	Present
Secretary – Brian Leishman	absent	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; Director of Coaching – Michael Caine

11 WSA members in attendance

- **Board member introductions (David Dube)**
 - Introduction of board members made for benefit of new coaches
- **Secretary's Report** – minutes were not printed so they will be reviewed at the next meeting
- **President's Comments (David Dube)**
 - **Director of Coaching: Michael Caine** – introduced to members. Will do a presentation later in the meeting.
 - **GU10-1 Commissioners Cup appeal decision** - Wakefield won (finally). GU10-1 team was crowned Commissioners Cup champions but both Charlestown and Wakefield will be named co-winners. David did not want to cause disappointment to the young girls on the Charlestown team.
 - **Indoor Winter Training Discussion** - the conversations are beginning but nothing set yet
 - **Revs Night – Sat, Oct 4, 2014 7:30 pm** – Nancy Hurley will organize again. Tickets are \$30 and we need to sell 105 tickets that we have agreed to purchase already. It's a great time. Bring your teams. More info will be available on our web site.
 - **BOD Vacancies** – Lots of work goes into making WSA a great program and we need volunteers to make it happen. There are vacancies on the board (once we figure out which ones are open as several people have multiple roles). Contact anyone on the board to find out more and volunteer.
- **Treasurer's Report (Jim Rollins)**
 - Both June and July reports were reviewed and accepted.
 - Question was asked if the monthly expenses were typical for this time of year. Pretty much. The expenses correlate to the current seasons' activities.
 - Question was asked if Challenger is still a part of Wakefield Soccer. Yes, we just use their services as we need them (e.g. we used them for the summer camps)
- **Director of Coaching Report (Michael Caine)**
 - Michael handed out a document, DOC Introduction. It included his personal information as well as his playing/coaching experience, philosophy, curriculum and session modules. (see attachment)
- **Intramural Program (Chris Smith)**
 - Will start weekend of Sept 6
 - There will be U5 – U14 intramurals
 - Wrapping up all fields and dates.

- Mike is setting up an intramurals curriculum
 - August 28 equipment distribution date may change due to the Galvin school tours that same evening
 - Looking for coaches at all levels
 - There will be an email blast going out reminding people of open registration
 - U5 – U7 will play at Comverse
 - U8 – at Mapleway
 - U10 –at Mapleway
 - U12/14 combined 8 v 8 at Walton
 - Anyone that knows someone that wants to sponsor a team should contact Matt Lane. Those forms will also go out in the email blast.
- **MYSL Report (Stephen DeGaravilla)**
 - MYSL meeting was held on Tuesday (August 5).
 - WSA got all the division placements that we requested
 - This year, the league strove to place teams in proper divisions and it happened!
 - Coaches meeting is Wed, August 27, 7:00 at Joyce Middle School. All coaches should attend.
 - MYSL really wants new 1st/2nd year coaches to attend
 - MYSL age directors like to meet coaches that are in the divisions
 - Some age directors really get to know their coaches and teams very well
 - Question was asked as to how many teams were accepted and/or rejected for the division request? Example of GU10 division showed that almost half of the teams were moved up from the division the town requested.
 - WSA GU10-1 team is playing in Division 2 because most of the girls are 1st year
 - Question was asked if it is true that if you have 6 teams in the same division from your town, does there have to be a division 1 team? No
- **Travel Program (Chris Wilson)**
 - If a coach has not heard back from any player on their team, reach out to them asap and contact Chris
 - Started assigning assistant coaches
 - Uniforms are coming in mid-August
 - An email will go out on Tues to let coaches know when on Wednesday the signup for practice fields will open
 - Each U12 and U14 team will have 1 practice on Walton and 1 on grass
 - Grass fields will be: Walsh, Nasella and Moulton
 - U10's will be using Sullivan for both games and practices and Dolbeare for practices only (run sideways to prevent wear and tear on goal mouths)
 - Still need a few more players on some GU12 and GU14 teams. Will reach out to intramural players to recruit.
- **Field and Facilities Report (Mike Boudreau)**
 - Sullivan field will be primary U10 field. There will be one full field lined, and one mini-field.
 - U10's can also use Dolbeare. There will be 2 flat goals and 2 U10's. Teams must play sideways to save goal areas.
 - Sullivan is available Mon – Thurs, 3:00 – 5:00 and 5:00 – 7:00. Teams are given two hour time slots so they can adjust practice times according to the coach's schedule and daylight hours.
 - On Walton, U12's should take the earlier time slots (6:30 – 7:45) and U14's take the later ones. There will be some conflicts with WHS practices and games.
 - We have plenty of field space and if anyone can't work with the given schedule, contact Mike.
 - Goals will be moved around next week.
 - Practice slots will be effective August 18. Until then, it's first come, first serve.
 - Michael Kilkelly, who attended the selectmen's meeting earlier, said that the parking lot will be completed by

August 25! Mike Boudreau announced that if that occurs, he will buy a round of drinks for everyone present ;)

- Coaches should let visiting opposing teams know about the parking situation (whatever it will be at that time)
- Walton should be relined before the season starts as it needs it again

- **Equipment Report (Anne Miller)**

- Equipment kits for travel coaches are starting to be put together. Still waiting for some items.
- Will send out an email next week to announce open hours for equipment pickup.
- Question was asked if there are enough tournament patches for Labor Day. There were enough for only the 2 teams that had responded to an earlier request for them. Now, there may be more teams participating and not enough patches for all of them. Anne will look into it.

- **Referee Report (Mike Kilkelly)**

- In the fall, the town assigns refs to all games
- U0 intramurals games were moved to Sunday so that more refs would be available
- Minimum age for refs is now 14. There is no more grade 9. Current 12 and 13 year olds are grandfathered in.
- Will be talking to the board about a ref advising program to help mentor new/younger refs.
- Will be holding a training session before the season starts for all refs. Date is Aug 23.

- **Other items:**

- Board needs to determine the meeting date of the next coaches meeting to avoid conflicting with the Galvin school tours being held on August 28. We will send out an email when it's been determined.
- Tops soccer will run in the fall. Dates have not been set yet.
- Pick up soccer happens Sundays at Walton at 10:00 am. Everyone (adults) is welcome.

- **Next meeting:** TBD

- **Adjourned at 9:00 pm.**