

Wakefield Soccer Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2015 – 8:00 pm

Board Members Attendance:

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

Also Present: Director of Coaching – Michael Caine

3 WSA member in attendance

- **Secretary's Report** – Reviewed and accepted minutes from October 13, 2015 meeting as presented
- **President's Comments (David Dube)**
 - Introduced Tom Pilleri, who has joined the Finance Committee
 - At last week's MYSL league meeting, they discussed the proposed 75% residency requirement
 - Historically, some league towns have abused the waiver policy and put together "superteams"
 - The league passed the 75% rule that matches the rule in place in the BAYS league
 - There were a couple of amendments to the original proposal, final version will be delivered
 - Thank you to Jim Grady, Ben Schools and others for their work on the Night at the Revs
 - Thank you to all the coaches for a successful Fall season
- **Treasurer's Report (Anne Miller)**
 - Reviewed October financial report
 - Report was accepted as presented
- **Intramural Program (Chris Smith)**
 - Season is over and was very successful
 - Had to cancel one weekend due to weather
 - Spring will be U5 – U8, already thinking of ideas for improvement
 - Wednesday Academies will continue
- **Travel Program (Chris Wilson)**
 - Season went very smoothly, with minimal issues
 - Coaches have a good grasp of the player pass
 - We have a good base of experienced coaches who are available as a resource to newer coaches
 - Group training sessions went well, particularly when all teams from one age group were combined
 - Looking into whether we can go completely age-group specific next season
 - Looking into spring placements
 - We'd like to avoid having two Wakefield teams in the same division
 - Coaches will get an email from Chris Wilson asking for input
 - WSA will then provide our recommendations to MYSL

- **MYSL Report (Stephen DeGaravilla)**
 - David attended the league meeting in lieu of Stephen
 - In addition to residency requirement proposal noted above, also discussed:
 - Referee fee increase proposal was discussed, but not voted on
 - Looking for Commissioner Cup volunteers
 - No sportsmanship issues this season
 - Only 1 red card issued
 - Looking to establish a sportsmanship committee
 - Somerville coordinator has suggested the league should have a discrimination policy
 - Dual-rostering discussion
 - US Soccer heading guidelines were briefly discussed
- **DoC Report (Michael Caine)**
 - Thank you to both Chris and Chris
 - Winter training numbers are good so far, will hope for another registration push before January
 - Looking to hold a goalkeeper and E license courses in the spring
 - Last week were the United tryouts
 - We'll have U10 Boys and Girls teams
 - 15 Boys
 - 11 Girls
- **Equipment Report (Cleo Rizos)**
 - Intramural equipment returns are underway
- **Referee Report (Michael Kilkelly)**
 - Ivan Silva and Michael did the referee assigning
 - Season went well, with good help from adult refs
 - Could use a few more Assistant Refs
 - 14+ years old
 - Classes all winter
 - Feedback from coaches was mostly positive
 - Tried to match experience level with age groups
- **Field Report (Mike Boudreau)**
 - There is a drainage issue at Mullen field that is being investigated by the town
 - Mike will break down all the nets at the grass field this weekend, but will be left up at the turf fields
 - We'll try to get ahead of conflicts with High School sports in the spring
 - Working with the lacrosse teams
 - Mike is working on U16/U18 venue dates
 - Turf fields are open all winter
 - We need to start thinking about whether we are ready to host a tournament next summer
 - Mike Boudreau and Mike Caine to discuss
 - Also looking into how we can go about getting a snack bar / bathroom facility at Walton/Mullen
 - We may need to invest in goals in response to the US Soccer changes at the U10 level
 - No action necessary yet, but this should stay on our radar
 - Not clear if these changes go into effect next fall, or 2017
 - Need to consider a contingency plan for pre-spring practice indoors if we have another bad winter
 - Galvin gym would hold several teams at once

- Mike will book now for the month of March
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, December 8th**
 - We may skip December, per our updated bylaws
- **Adjourned at 8:53**