

Wakefield Soccer Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2016 – 8:00 pm

Board Members Attendance:

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

Also Present: Director of Coaching – Michael Caine

10 WSA members in attendance

- **Secretary's Report** – Reviewed and accepted minutes from February 9, 2016 meeting as presented
- **President's Comments (David Dube)**
 - Changes coming from US Soccer/Mass Youth Soccer
 - Mostly won't take effect prior to Fall season
 - We are close to finalizing our 501-3(c) certification
- **Treasurer's Report (Anne Miller)**
 - Reviewed February financial statement
- **Intramural Program (Bill Kidder)**
 - Rosters should be set by next weekend
 - Still hoping for a few more registrations
 - Late fee deadline was extended to March 15th
 - We get lots of questions about U10 intramurals, which are not offered in the Spring
 - Lots of questions about the younger end of the U5 age bracket
 - These have been handled on a case-by-case basis
 - These age guidelines will be impacted by the Mass Youth Soccer age group changes
 - All coaches and
- **Travel Program (Chris Wilson)**
 - Travel registration is complete as of today
 - Of all the U10 intramural inquiries, most players were added to the travel program
 - Even with the player additions, we reduced from 7 U10 boys teams in the Fall to 6 in the Spring
 - We have 1 U12 girl on stand-by, but because we didn't lose any players, we have no roster spots
 - We are appealing with MYSL to roster 16 players on one of the U12 girls teams
 - Practice schedule should be out the week of St Patrick's Day
 - This will allow two weeks of formal practices prior to the season
 - Coaches are welcome to hold informal practices at Walton and Mullen
 - Player and coach cards will be distributed a week prior to the season
 - U10 players don't need cards, but U10 coaches do
 - Club pass cards have been reinstated for the Spring season

- Use of the pass card should include consulting with the other player's coach and then informing Chris Wilson and Stephen DeGaravilla
- Coaches should identify the need to use the club pass EARLY in the week. Do not wait until Friday!
- **MYSL Report (Michael Kilkelly)**
 - MYSL meeting is tonight, Stephen is in attendance
 - They are reviewing and finalizing league-wide concussion policy
 - Any player who shows symptoms or complains of a concussion needs to have doctor's approval to return to play
 - Refs have been instructed to enforce during games
 - Coaches should also be aware and enforce them
 - Doctor's permission needs to be brought to the coach
 - Encourage parents to stress to their kids that it is important to be truthful about their symptoms
 - U10 players should not be heading at all, in games or practices
 - This might be extended to U12 by Mass Youth Soccer and MYSL
 - U12 and u14 should be limited to 30 minutes of header training per week
 - As we get more information, we will continue to make it available to all coaches
- **DoC Report (Michael Caine)**
 - Coaches clinic was well attended last weekend (16 coaches)
 - We'll look to do something similar this summer
 - Also looking into a Class E license course
 - We'll be finalizing a lot of Travel details over the next couple weeks
 - Michael will be meeting with each age groups' coaches
 - April 9 season start
 - Multi-team training night will take place again
 - Day of the week TBD
 - Will include U14 this spring
 - 18 – 21 for April Clinic
 - Walton field
 - There will be an email with more information
 - Chris W proposed an initial small-scale preseason Intramural coaches session to prepare for the Wakefield Academy sessions
- **Equipment Report**
 - The Equipment Director position is open
 - Travel coaches should have their equipment already
 - If not, email Cleo and she will assist as necessary
- **Referee Report (Michael Kilkelly)**
 - Ivan is the referee Assigner for the spring
 - We assign U10 Center refs and U12+ Assistant Refs for all home games
 - We added several new refs for the spring
 - April 2 will be a clinic for all referees
 - All coaches should be sure to fill out their Referee Report after ALL games
 - This is very valuable in improving and assessing the referees
 - Particularly the younger referees

- **Field Report (Mike Boudreau)**
 - Preliminary practice schedule is under review
 - Should be finalized very soon
 - Frank Leone and Jim Grady will handle field lining/maintenance again
 - Coaches game-day responsibilities will be determined and communicated prior to season start
 - As long as the temp is above freezing, the turf fields can be used
 - Netting behind goals is up at Walton and Mullen
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, April 12th**
- **Adjourned at 9:04**