

Rockaway Township Soccer Association

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Minutes of the Meeting 27 April 2005

ATTENDANCE

Mark Berkowitz	Mark Bertoli	Lisa Cangelosi	Bob Conlon
Carol Cristiano	Abdullahi Dauda	Jordy George	Ray Hogrelius
Betty Ingling	Brian Ingling	Larry Kaufman	Laura Kaufman
Robert Lutz	Maria Lynch	Mike Lynch	Kevin MacLeod
Mike Masar	Mike Mugavero	Steve Murphy	John Olsen
Angie Prasad	Shail Prasad	Danielle Sadighi	Jason Sainz
Vera Sainz	José Santiago	Scott Schrack	Rick Suntag
John Voigt	Drew Zarpentine		

Meeting brought to order at the Municipal Building by at 8:05 PM by President, Mike Lynch.

Secretary's Report (secretary@rtsa.org) – Rick Suntag

The March 30 minutes sent via email were amended to show Carol Cristiano and Tony Braddock in attendance and the complete treasurer's report was included.

The minutes of March 30, 2005 were approved as amended.

Nominations for 2005-2006 travel team head coaches were accepted as follows:

U8 Girls	<i>vacant</i>
U8 Boys	Lisa Cangelosi Ray Hogrelius
U9 Girls	Scott Schrack
U9 Boys	<i>vacant</i>
U10 Girls	José Santiago
U10 Boys	Lisa Cangelosi Mike Masar
U11 Girls	Shail Prasad
U11 Boys	José Fonseca
U12 Girls	Mark Berkowitz Mark Bertoli
U12 Boys	<i>vacant</i>
U13 Girls	Sergio Benvenuto
U13 Boys	Mike Polega
U14 Girls	Mike Lynch Neil Rivardo Jason Sainz Vera Sainz
U14 Boys	Scott Schrack

Elections will take place at the May 25, 2005 RTSA meeting. Those eligible to vote will receive a ballot via email at least 10 days before the meeting. Methods of voting:

1. Vote in person at the May 25, 2005 meeting (ballots will be provided or you can print / bring your own).
2. Email your votes to secretary@rtsa.org. I will acknowledge receipt of your vote and cast your proxy ballot at the May 25 meeting.
3. Assign your proxy to someone else and let them vote for you on May 25. If you choose to vote via proxy, you must inform me beforehand of who will be casting your ballot.

All ballots are confidential. Results of the election will be announced by the end of the meeting.

Reminder – Please sign in at all meetings you attend. You must attend 6 meetings during the previous year to have voting rights.

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer@rtsa.org) –Steve Murphy

We had a beginning balance of \$21,379.09

We wrote on checks in the amount of \$2,670.00 for travel referee fees and were assessed a \$2.00 returned check fee.

A check in the amount of \$960.00 was cashed against our account.

We have a voucher in to Recreation in the amount of \$960.00.

We have accounts payable (outstanding checks) in the amount of \$1155.00.

We have a current checking account balance of \$20,417.09.

Boosters' Report (Boosters@rtsa.org) –Maria Lynch

Shed for Norway has been approved. New bleachers have been approved. Looking into making Norway handicapped accessible. All awards have been chosen. Awards will be ordered when we have exact counts.

Boosters has FREE RTSA magnets available for anyone attending the RTSA meeting.

Vice President's Report (VicePresident@rtsa.org) – Maria Lynch

Directors are doing a nice job. Each division has played one or two games. Had some calls for refunds for people moving or who had second thoughts about playing. Some people tried to sign up late and had to be turned down. Travel forms are available [HERE TONIGHT](#) and also on our website.

President's Report (President@rtsa.org) – Mike Lynch

Had some issues with the fields. Mall field has poor access / parking. The town has closed the field during the week. We will only use it on Saturdays for games. We have an alternate field at Craigmere.

We've had some complaints that Craigmere is too far. Thank you to the directors who got the season going. Spoken to the town about fields. It looks like there might be some movement towards a small Peterson type facility at some as of now un-named spot.

Director Field Operations' Report (FieldOperations@rtsa.org) – Mike Masar

Germania – fine. Fertilized before the season. Looking good.

Dwyer – Some problems with lining. Will be taken care of by rec department this week.

Mall – Nice field, but we have issues (see president's report).

Craigmere – Nice field. Sorry for the inconvenience for those who have a long drive. Most are not using it.

Norway – Looking good. Town is looking at install gates on both sides so kids & SAGE reps do not climb the fences.

Saturday – Will clean out the soccer shed and take inventory. Picking up combination locks for Norway for new bounceback nets. Nets will be locked up at night.

Head Referee's Report (HeadReferee@rtsa.org) – Peter Fischer – given by Mike Lynch

Referee's clinic this Friday at the municipal building. Contact Peter for more information.

Travel Director's Report (TravelDirector@rtsa.org) – Scott Schrack

All first games were pushed back to the end of the season. Scott is suggesting everyone early play those games. 10 days notice is required for early plays. We want to reserve that last week in June for make-ups. We are having problems with referee assignments. Some clubs are having 3 man systems while others are not getting refs assigned. Scott has referee checks to distribute to travel teams.

Director of Soccer Operations' Report (SoccerOperations@rtsa.org) - Danielle Sadighi

Everything ordered was delivered. New corner flags and emergency kits for travel coaches are available. If you do not have one, check with Danielle. We are short one jersey.

Head Coach's Report (HeadCoach@rtsa.org) – Jordy George

Met with Bob Conlon, Scott Schrack, and the two high school coaches last month.. We made some changes to the format of the tryout. It was approved by all members of the new tryout committee. Hopefully, it will take care of some of the problems that were inherent in the old system. Travel tryout dates are on the registration forms. We also have rain dates. Deadline is May 28.

In Town Directors' Reports

Soccer Pals (SoccerPals@rtsa.org) – John Olsen

Haven't had a game yet. Pushed the first week back to April 23, which rained. All teams are established. Coaches should have contacted their teams. Kids are extremely anxious to get on the field. 112 children playing.

American A (AmericanA@rtsa.org) – Cheryl Berkowitz – given by Mark

62 kids, 6 teams. Played one game at the mall field. Games are staggered in 15 minute gaps to allow cars to get in and out. Practicing once a week.

American B (AmericanB@rtsa.org) – Jannette Braddock

No report

National Boys (NationalBoys@rtsa.org) – Lisa Cangelosi

6 teams. 70 kids. Rained out games will be made up on Friday night.

National Girls (NationalGirls@rtsa.org) – Bob Lutz

4 teams, 47 players. First game was last week. Practicing at Craigmere – appreciate having a field.

International Boys (InternationalBoys@rtsa.org) – Tony Braddock

No report

International Girls (InternationalGirls@rtsa.org) – José Santiago.

45 players, 3 teams. Trying to arrange an opportunity with some rec players to get together with travel teams.

Rockaway Valley (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) – Lisa Cangelosi

No AA teams. Picked up 8 players from Mine Hill for 6th grade boys game. Eight games need to be rescheduled.

Committee Reports

Field Development (FieldOperations@rtsa.org) – Mike Masar

Over the next few weeks, specific people will be asked for information for a field grant for Norway from US Soccer Foundation. Mike asked for volunteers to form a sub-committee for field evaluation. Rick Suntag & Mark Berkowitz volunteered. We spent about \$7500 last summer redoing Norway. If we do it ourselves, we can save a lot of money. We need to spread some topsoil, seed, and add hay. Town will aerate.

Communications / website (webmaster@rtsa.org) – Rick Suntag

Online and downloadable travel registrations forms are available at our website. We have also placed online our travel team formation guidelines and a travel soccer FAQ designed for families thinking about travel soccer for the first time.

Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship (MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org) – Steve Murphy

Received applications from all 3 high schools. The names have been blinded. Looking for a space to meet in approximately two weeks. If anybody would like to assist in the selection process, PLEASE call Steve at 973.627.8871 or email him.

Howl-O-Ween Tournament (HowlOWeen@rtsa.org) – Jordy George

Requesting that we find a new director. Jordy will offer to help out. It should be somebody that is involved with a small sided travel team since that is who the tournament is designed for.

Training – (mmugavero@hotmail.com) Mike Mugavero

THANK YOU for passing the budget. We are getting fields at Knolls and Hills. Bids are being submitted to turf and light the fields. If anything is needed of the trainers, please tell them. Mike needs schedules to send trainers to the rec teams. Mike has been approached by one team about merging with Denville.

Old Business

Moving election up a month conversation. Will write it up for June meeting.

New Business

Scott Schrack – Would like to request the support from Boosters to purchase a golf hole at the Morris Hills soccer golf tournament fundraiser on Wed June 29 Purchase price is \$150 .

Larry Kaufman - Travel program – It's hard to play soccer and another sport. Ask that the association work with other sports to align schedules if possible. Mike Lynch – every parent / team has to work this out on their own.

Bob Conlon – Any letter that is sent to the high school, please cc Joe Fiorella.

Jason Sainz – Is it possible to spray for bugs at Norway and Dwyer. Mike Lynch – Norway has been sprayed.

José Santiago – Discussion about soccer being a fall sport / baseball spring. Any thought of travel as a part year commitment.

Mike Lynch – There has been a lot of discussion in the past. Most devoted athletes play their sports in multi-seasons.

Jordy George – A good way to promote travel soccer would be to have a travel festival at Norway and invite rec families to watch travel games and have displays set up with information on travel soccer, tournaments, commitment level, and general information. We have a couple of dates with early and late afternoon games with open time in-between for possible all-star rec games. Jordy would like to form a committee to get this done.

Laura Kaufman – Trying to find out about travel when in rec...Rec coach was very supportive to let the entire team try out. Without that support, our son would not have tried out. We need to make sure we have support from rec coaches.

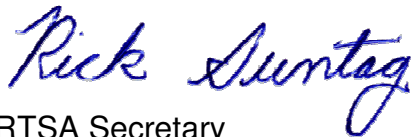
Rick Suntag – We should think about re-aligning our rec divisions in the fall to try to get more children interested in travel soccer. If we form a K-1 boys league and K-1 girls league instead of separate, unisex K and 1 leagues, we might get more children, especially girls, interested in playing travel soccer at the U8 and U9 level.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Everyone is reminded that the next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, May 25, 2005 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,



RTSA Secretary
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