

Rockaway Township Soccer Association

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Minutes of the Meeting 25 May 2005

ATTENDANCE

David Abrams	Mark Berkowitz	Mark Bertoli	Valerie Bertoli
Abdullahi Dauda	Jordy George	Ray Hogrelius	Sharon Hogrelius
Betty Ingling	Larry Kaufman	Laura Kaufman	Sue Lundblad
Robert Lutz	Maria Lynch	Mike Lynch	Mike Masar
John Mongrella	Mike Mugavero	Steve Murphy	Angie Prasad
Shail Prasad	Danielle Sadighi	Jason Sainz	Vera Sainz
José Santiago	Scott Schrack	George Sousonis	Rick Suntag

Meeting brought to order at the Municipal Building by at 8:13 PM by Vice President, Maria Lynch.

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

The minutes of April 27, 2005 that were emailed out have been amended to show Dave Keidel in attendance.

The minutes of April 27, 2005 were approved as amended.

At the April 27, nominations for 2005-2006 travel team head coaches were accepted. Since that time, the following people have asked to have their names removed as nominees: José Fonseca (U11 boys), Jason Sainz (U14 Girls), Vera Sainz (U14 Girls). Nominations for U11 boys were re-opened and nominations were received and seconded for both Lee Marsh and Dan Trillo. Ballots have been distributed to voting and potential voting members.

Ballots were accepted and counted during the meeting. Results of the election will be announced during the new business section of this 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 \$20,417.09

We wrote on checks in the amount of \$1,924.32 for training and web hosting fees. Additionally, we were assessed a \$2.00 returned check fee.

A check in the amount of \$4,270.00 was cashed against our account.

Steve will be submitting a voucher to Recreation in the amount of \$124.32.

We had a deposit of \$2,670.00.

We have accounts payable (outstanding checks) in the amount of \$584.32.

We have a current checking account balance of \$18,815.09.

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

End of year gift for Pals, American A & B – trophies
National and International – tye dye shirts
RV – Long sleeve tye dye
Travel – Jacket with Rockaway club patch and American flag on left sleeve.
New elevated stands for Norway on order and should be delivered by mid-June.

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

As of tonight, we have received 81 registrations (online and paper).

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

Mike thanks Jordy George and Mike Masar for cleaning up the soccer shed. It looks wonderful. **We are still looking for a Howl-O-Ween tournament director.** If you are interested, you will have lots of help – Tournament head is the co-coordinator. We've had training with the high school coaches and players. Everything is going well. If there are any comments, please let Mike know.

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

Everything is going well. Craigmere – some people are using it. Picnic grove area is set up, but we are only using fields during the week.

Mall field – operational on Saturdays. Please make sure garbage is picked up.

Germania looking good.

Dwyer is looking good. Some travel teams are practicing there when Norway has rescheduled games.

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

In-house referees clinic was held.

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

Everything going fairly well. **TEAMS THAT HAVE A JUNE 19th game – PLEASE EARLY PLAY THIS GAME.** June 19 is the last date of the season. Please play your game earlier or you risk a rain out completely canceling the last game.

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

There are extra soccer balls and ice packs at the Norway pump house.

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

Tryouts are June 6, 8, 13, 15..Raindates are Tue & Thu after each date (June 7,8,14,16). It's too late to pull off a soccer festival for this year – we'll try for next year. After our registration deadline, we will recruit both in town and out of town.

There was a discussion about what we should do after the registration deadline about recruiting out of town players to fill empty slots. Consensus from the floor is that after the 28th, we will allow out of town players to register for tryouts.

[**Note: After the meeting, an abbreviated executive board meeting was held and it was decided that after May 31, teams that are still shorthanded will be free to recruit both in-town and out of town**].

In Town Directors' Reports

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

No report.

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

Season going well. Mall field is a concern – trying to get teams there promptly, 15 minutes before the hour. Nervous about the field not having a fence heading to the parking lot.

American B (AmericanB@rtsa.org) – Jannette Braddock – given by Maria Lynch

Playing until June 18th due to rainouts. Referees have worked out well. Giving them a good experience for the bigger field next year. Had a minor issue with coaches going on the field – had to send out a reminder. One coach strongly disagreed. Jannette suggested he come to an RTSA meeting to discuss the matter.

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

Going fine. No games last week because of Picatinny Army Day. The season will finish on June 11th. There is a makeup game on this Friday night.

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

Trainers have been at practices. Worked out well. Off for two weeks because of Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. Playing some Tuesday night makeup games. We play at 10 & 11:30 and have been getting 2 refs at 10 and none at 11:30.

International Boys (InternationalBoys@rtsa.org) – Tony Braddock – given by Maria Lynch

Had a few rainouts. One more game to make up. Refs have been good. Teams have been fairly matched. No other issues.

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

Season going well. Playing on Saturdays and Thursdays. No complaints from coaches.

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

Season will end June 18th. Some makeup games to be played at Norway. RV ends on June 11. We may try to play some of the makeups away before the 11th.

Committee Reports

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

Everything is scheduled for Norway work day. Mike has had volunteers to help (thanks). Town will aerate after June 19th. Within a week, the field should be redone. Probably will have volunteer work crews come out on Saturday, June 25th. Contact Mike if you would like to volunteer.

Germania has come back well with fertilization and seeding.

Field development subcommittee has met once. Thanks to Mark Berkowitz & Rick Suntag. Town has a park committee that we will be asked to participate with.

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. **Registration deadline is MAY 28th.**

Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship (MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org) – Steve Murphy Selection committee met and selected 3 winners. There is a recipient from each of the three schools. Steve will attend the Hills & Knolls assemblies to give out awards on June 7 & 8. Morris Catholic will give out the award on June 4.

Howl-O-Ween Tournament (HowlOWeen@rtsa.org) – Vacant – given by Jordy George Being the director is not that tough – just a lot of juggling. **Someone PLEASE come forward.** Jordy will help.

Training – (mmugavero@hotmail.com) Mike Mugavero 13 people working on training. Have had great feedback. If anyone wants extra or specific times, please let Mike know.

Old Business

None

New Business

Laura Kaufman – It is very important that we have an emergency phone at Norway field because of the lack of cell phone coverage in the area.

Mark Bertoli – Can we get a cell phone repeater for Norway?

John Mongrella – U10 girls played a team that had too many on the roster (16). Scott Schrack will look into it.

Shail Prasad – Thanks to Rick Suntag and the Boosters for arranging for the goalie training.

George Sousonis – Suggest that games over-ride practices. We have a situation where kids would rather go to softball practices than soccer games.

Mike Lynch – It's a team policy, up to each team coach.

Maria Lynch – Spoke about registration before – June 11th. Should we move 5th grade to Rockaway Valley.

There was a discussion about re-alignment of rec divisions.

The following travel coaches have been elected for the 2005-2006 seasons:

U8 Girls	<i>vacant</i>
U8 Boys	Ray Hogrelius
U9 Girls	Scott Schrack
U9 Boys	<i>vacant</i>
U10 Girls	José Santiago
U10 Boys	Mike Masar
U11 Girls	Shail Prasad
U11 Boys	Lee Marsh
U12 Girls	Mark Bertoli
U12 Boys	<i>vacant</i>
U13 Girls	Sergio Benvenuto
U13 Boys	Mike Polega
U14 Girls	Mike Lynch
U14 Boys	Scott Schrack

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37PM

Everyone is reminded that the next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, June 28, 2005 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,



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