

Rockaway Township Soccer Association

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Minutes of the Meeting 26 April 2006

ATTENDANCE

Mark Berkowitz	Mark Bertoli	Valerie Bertoli	Bill D'Addato
Abdullahi Dauda	Ray Hogrelius	Sharon Hogrelius	Betty Ingling
Brian Ingling	Laura Kaufman	Sue Lundblad	Mike Masar
John Mongrella	Frank Morales	Mike Mugavero	Steve Murphy
John Olsen	Orest Pencak	Shail Prasad	Jason Sainz
Vera Sainz	José Santiago	George Sousonis	James Steiger
Rick Suntag	Rob Thompson	Jill Wilson	

Meeting brought to order at the municipal building at 8:04PM by President, Mike Masar.

Travis Watkins of the NY Red Bulls gave a short presentation about the Red Bulls.

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

The minutes of April 5, 2006 were approved.

Nominations for 2006-2007 travel team head coaches

U8B	No nominations
U8G	Sue Lundblad
U9B	Ray Hogrelius Lisa Cangelosi
U9G	Rob Thompson
U10B	Jill Wilson
U10G	Scott Schrack
U11B	Mike Masar Lisa Cangelosi
U11G	José Santiago
U12B	Lee Marsh
U12G	Shail Prasad José Morales
U13B	-
U13G	Mark Bertoli
U14B	Mike Polega
U14G	Sergio Benvenuto José Santiago

Travel coaches will be elected at our May 31 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 \$12,746.32.

We wrote checks in the amount of \$9,298.00 for

Rockaway Valley league fees, training, advances to coaches for travel referee fees and we were assessed a \$2.00 returned check fee.

Checks and fees in the amount of \$6,142.54 were cashed against our account.

We have accounts payable (outstanding checks) in the amount of \$5,282.00.

We have a current checking account balance of \$6,604.38.

Steve still has not received the 1 registration fee for the tournament.

Our budget account has been charged \$1,703.20 to rent Copeland Gym for indoor soccer. This brings the total fees for indoor soccer to \$2,510.78.

Steve has submitted vouchers to the Recreation dept. and is awaiting payment in the amount of \$15,321.97.

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

Still working on getting a shed for Norway field. Hopefully, we will have something within a month.

We will also be purchasing benches with backs for players / coaches. Working on getting the “old” Rockaway socks back – black with embroidered “Rockaway” on it. “Mom’s” soccer t-shirts will be available for sale.

End of year awards:

PALS – big trophy

American A – photo trophy or soccer ball autograph

1-4 grade girls – pink shirt

1-4 grade boys – something similar (not pink)

Rockaway Valley – away jerseys

Travel – windbreakers with “Rockaway” across chest

If you have any ideas for gifts, please come to our meetings or contact us!

Vice President's Report (VicePresident@rtsa.org) – Laura Kaufman

Tonight was first in-person sign-up for travel. You can get the forms at the municipal building. May 24 6-8PM – second in-person registration. Last day of registration is Monday, May 30th. No late registrations will be accepted.

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

S.A.G.E. program was run on two nights. The turnout was a disappointment. Let's hope that we do not have problems this season with parental behavior. There will be a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy towards parents who abuse recreational referees.

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

Field assignments have been sent out. We lost a few fields, but are working around it. Thank you to Bill D'Addato for taking over for Tony. Thank you to the directors for helping out. We have some make-up games for travel coming up. Some teams will have to change / skip practices. Please try to work around the make-up games and adjust your schedules to practice earlier or later.

Head Referee's Report (HeadReferee@rtsa.org) –Mike Lynch

Had referee clinic last Wed – 17 referees attended. There are 6 games per weekend to cover. A few weeknight games are also available. After the meeting, we spoke to the S.A.G.E. meeting attendees. If you want referees for a weeknight game, please contact Mike.

Travel Director's Report (TravelDirector@rtsa.org) – John Mongrella

All our pre-season reschedules have been scheduled. Doing add / drops now. John has a plastic soccer box by his door – please leave any soccer related paperwork there. Next league meeting is May 1. We received a comment from Joe Anzalone, MCYSA discipline chairperson about behavior at a U11G Power game - **Both teams exhibited excellent sportsmanship, ball control, passing, and teamwork. Coaches and players for both sides should be proud.** It's not often we receive a good report from the discipline chair.

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

No report.

Head Coach's Report (HeadCoach@rtsa.org) – Mark Berkowitz

No report.

In Town Directors' Reports

Soccer Pals – Pre-K (SoccerPals@rtsa.org) – John Mongrella

121+ Rained out last Saturday. Pre-pals was a no-go, but we had parents step up. Pre-pals will start mid-May.

American A - K (AmericanA@rtsa.org) – John Olsen

80. Most teams have had 1 or more practice. Kids are eager to play. Would like to get a trainer for once or twice.

National Boys – 1st & 2nd grade (NationalBoys@rtsa.org) – Lisa Cangelosi - given by Laura Kaufman
5 teams. Will start this weekend at Picatinny. Every team has 1 bye week and 3 teams have double-headers. Practice at the Mall field, M, T, F. Need extra size 3 balls.

National Girls – 1st & 2nd grade (NationalGirls@rtsa.org) – Sue Lundblad

78 kids – 6 teams, W & Thu at mall field & Germania. Will start this weekend.

International Boys – 3rd & 4th grade (InternationalBoys@rtsa.org) – Bill D'Addato

42 kids, 4 teams. Practice W & Thu at Germania. Games are on Saturdays.

International Girls – 3rd & 4th grade (InternationalGirls@rtsa.org) – José Santiago

33 girls / 3 teams of 11. 2 games a week – Sat @ 1PM and Tue @ 6PM at Germania.

Rockaway Valley (RockawayValley@rtsa.org) – Lisa Cangelosi – given by Rob Thompson

101. Rockaway Valley didn't get our check yet. Steve Murphy just mailed it out. Tried practicing last week, but most teams did not have equipment. Everything is out now. First weekend was rained out. Fields need to be closed earlier on a Saturday since we start at 9AM.

Committee Reports

Field Development (FieldOperations@rtsa.org) – Mike Masar
John Mongrella and Mike met with a turf person and are still working it .

Communications / website (webmaster@rtsa.org) – Rick Suntag
We're having some growing pains with our new website. All our databases did not move over properly from our old site, so I will have to rebuild the online registration forms and the automated field closing forms.

We have added online forums to our website – hopefully, we can get people to use them as they offer a place for questions about our program to be publicly asked / answered.

We have also added online game reporting for our rec referees. Make sure your parents know that their conduct at rec games, both good and bad will be reported after each game.

I am looking into redesigning (as time permits) our website using an open source (free) Content Management System (looking at one called *Joomla*). When we cut over to the new site, we will be able offer our divisions and travel teams an easily updatable section of our website of their own.

I am looking for photographs of Rockaway Township soccer players to use as part of a banner that will be placed on top of every page of our site. The banner will be small, so I need photos of individual players, not teams – everything from PALS to travel. Please email photos to secretary@rtsa.org

Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship (MassieMondiScholarship@rtsa.org) – Steve Murphy
Received the applications from all 3 schools. 4 from Hills, 2 from Knolls, 1 from Morris Catholic. In the process of blinding the applications so the committee will not see names. Once that is done, Steve will call a committee meeting to select the winners. Steve will present the awards at both Hills and Knolls → 6/7 Hills, 6/13 Knolls. If you are interested in serving on the selection committee, please contact Steve.

Howl-O-Ween Tournament (HowlOWeen@rtsa.org) – Mike Masar & Laura Kaufman
Starting the committee early this year so we can get a headstart. First meeting is Wed, May 3 at 7PM in the municipal building. PLEASE try to come. If you can not make it, tell Laura.

Training – (Training@rtsa.org) Mike Mugavero
Trainers for travel have been working. If there are issues, email Mike or John Mongrella.

Finance – (Finance@rtsa.org) John Mongrella
Form 990 for 2005 is almost done. Will meet with Steve Murphy to put the numbers on the form. Things are looking good.

Old Business

None

New Business

Jose Santiago – In divisions that aren't full, we should keep signups open until the 1st game. Laura – if we routinely allow late signups, everyone will signup late. In the future, we will make sure to accept applications for a wait list.

John Olsen – Rec merger of American B & Nationals – will we keep this up for Fall? Answer – that will depend on registration numbers.

Jose Santiago – Rockaway Valley director job is a large job – equipment manager, division director, coach, league liaison. We should look at having a boys and girls director.

John Mongrella – email received from Joe Alzalone – regarding U11 girls team...Encouraging that our program is held in high regard.

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

Everyone is reminded that the next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, May 31, 2006 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,



RTSA Secretary
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