

# Rockaway Township Soccer Association

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## Minutes of the Meeting 3 January 2007

### ATTENDANCE

Mark Berkowitz	Mark Bertoli	Valerie Bertoli	Bill D'Addato
Abdul Dauda	Beth Flammia	Nancy Hestevold	Ray Hogrelius
Sharon Hogrelius	Betty Ingling	Laura Kaufman	Maria Lynch
Mike Lynch	Mike Masar	Audra Miller	Andrew Mucci
Frank Morales	Mike Mugavero	Steve Murphy	Donna Rodrigues
Jason Sainz	Scott Schrack	George Sousonis	James Steiger
Rick Suntag	Rob Thompson	Jill Wilson	Vera Sainz

Meeting brought to order at the municipal building at 8:05 PM by President, Mike Masar

#### **Secretary's Report ([secretary@rtsa.org](mailto:secretary@rtsa.org)) – Betty Ingling**

The minutes of Nov 29, 2006 were approved

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](mailto:Treasurer@rtsa.org)) –Steve Murphy**

We had a beginning balance of \$4,269.37

We incurred fees in the amount of \$2.00.

We issued checks for In-House referee fees, league fees for travel for spring 2007 and paid fines to MCYSA to the total amount of \$2,782.00

We had no deposits in the amount of \$4,277.95

Checks and fees in the amount of \$ 602.00 were cashed against our account.

We have accounts payable (outstanding checks) in the amount of \$5,226.00

We have a current checking account balance of \$7,945.32

We have used all of the \$30,000.00 of the budgeted amount from the town.

#### **Boosters' Report ([Boosters@rtsa.org](mailto:Boosters@rtsa.org)) –Sharon Hogrelius**

All travel gifts from the fall are in. They will be given out this Sunday 1/7/07 at the first indoor practice at Morris Hills. We are working on the gifts for the spring. The shed for Norway will be ordered.

#### **Vice President's Report ([VicePresident@rtsa.org](mailto:VicePresident@rtsa.org)) – Laura Kaufman**

Registration for the spring in-house season will end on Reg 2/15. Any late registrations will be wait listed. No registrations will be accepted after 03/10/07, no exceptions. The ongoing security issues at Picatiny dictates that they are provided with a list of names of players and refs no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the spring season. A home reminder notice will be sent to the schools.

#### **President's Report ([President@rtsa.org](mailto:President@rtsa.org)) – Mike Masar**

All is quiet.

#### **Director Field Operations' Report ([FieldOperations@rtsa.org](mailto:FieldOperations@rtsa.org)) – Mike Masar**

Indoor practice times at Morris Hills have been sent out. Indoor times out. As blackout dates for the

gyms become available, they will be posted. First practices will commence on 01/07/07. Any teams that have trainers are welcomed to use them but we are still looking into the trainer issue. We have a note to confirm that the doors will not be locked for the first practice as it has happened in the past.

#### **Head Referee's Report ([HeadReferee@rtsa.org](mailto:HeadReferee@rtsa.org)) –Mike Lynch**

Not much..In Mid-march, we will conduct a – “laws of the game” clinic for the parents . Boosters will pay the \$60 instructor fee. The same night we will hold a referee clinic for the in-house referees. All we need a room from the town. Rick will post info on the web page.

#### **Travel Director's Report ([TravelDirector@rtsa.org](mailto:TravelDirector@rtsa.org)) – given by Mike Masar**

John Mongrella resigned as the Travel Director. The responsibilities for the spring season will be split between Scott Schrack, Mike Masar and Rick Suntag. Scott will handle all registrations, Rick will handle the add/drops and the scheduling with Mike handling the trips to the DC and the league meetings.– We have incurred fines from the league from missed mandatory meetings. Things should settle over the next few weeks so please be patient.

Special Thanks to Rick Suntag for again stepping up as he does not have a child in the soccer system. The same can be said of Steve Murphy and the Lynchs.

#### **Director of Soccer Operations' Report ([SoccerOperations@rtsa.org](mailto:SoccerOperations@rtsa.org)) Nancy Hestevold**

Nothing much to report except that if any coaches still have bags, please give them to nancy and she will bring them to the shed.

#### **Head Coach's Report ([HeadCoach@rtsa.org](mailto:HeadCoach@rtsa.org)) – Mark Berkowitz**

Any teams not returning for spring season must contact Mark. At issue, what is a suitable penalty for players willing to play only one season. Should they not be allowed to tryout for the next season or should they automatically receive the last 5 spots of the tryouts? This issues needs further discussion.

#### **In Town Directors' Reports**

**No report**

**Soccer Pals – Pre-K ([SoccerPals@rtsa.org](mailto:SoccerPals@rtsa.org)) – Orest Pencak**

**American A - K ([AmericanA@rtsa.org](mailto:AmericanA@rtsa.org)) – Ralph Migliore**

No report

**National Boys – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ([NationalBoys@rtsa.org](mailto:NationalBoys@rtsa.org)) – John Olsen**

**No report**

**National Girls – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ([NationalGirls@rtsa.org](mailto:NationalGirls@rtsa.org)) – Robert Lutz**

No report

**International Boys – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade ([InternationalBoys@rtsa.org](mailto:InternationalBoys@rtsa.org)) – Lisa Cangelosi**

No report

**International Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade ([InternationalGirls@rtsa.org](mailto:InternationalGirls@rtsa.org)) – José Santiago**

No report

**Rockaway Valley ([RockawayValley@rtsa.org](mailto:RockawayValley@rtsa.org)) – Lisa Cangelosi**

No report

#### **Committee Reports**

**Field Development ([FieldOperations@rtsa.org](mailto:FieldOperations@rtsa.org)) – Mike Masar**

Met with Mayor and Joe Fiorello regarding converting Norway to a turf field. Cost of the turf field would be around \$635,000. RTSA has the backing of the mayor. The council will vote on this and if it passed, it will go out as a bond issue. The soccer association need to work together to create a detail plan that will be submitted to the township. The Boosters Club will be required to make a big push in fundraising in order to help facilitate the goal.

**Communications / website** ([webmaster@rtsa.org](mailto:webmaster@rtsa.org)) – Rick Suntag

Nothing to report

**Massie Mondri Memorial Scholarship** ([MassieMonidiScholarship@rtsa.org](mailto:MassieMonidiScholarship@rtsa.org)) – Steve Murphy

**Howl-O-Ween Tournament** ([HowlOWeen@rtsa.org](mailto:HowlOWeen@rtsa.org)) –Laura Kaufman

There will be a tournament meeting on 01/31/07 at 7pm . Laura Kaufman will return as the tournament chair but would like a co-chair. Anyone interested should contact Laura.

**Training** – ([Training@rtsa.org](mailto:Training@rtsa.org)) Mike Mugavero

Please contact him regarding training for the indoor practices.

**Finance** – ([Finance@rtsa.org](mailto:Finance@rtsa.org)) John Mongrella

Given by Jill Wilson - John has submitted all paperwork to the IRS and the Boosters Cto the irs – booster Club is in the clear. There are no further fines and the Boosters Club has received an EIN number that will be used in all future filings. The boosters club has hired a bookkeeper and will be transferring the bank account to Commerce Bank. Commerce does not charge transaction fees like the current bank.

## Old Business

## New Business

By Rick... Election coach move 1 month ..

Results of vote on proposal 1 – Change the date of selecting travel coaches to one month earlier  
Proposal 1 was passed.

Results of vote on proposal 2 – Change the date and method of selecting travel coaches.

After a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of proposal 2, Proposal 2 was NOT passed.

George Sousonis – Coaching should be done by people who know the sport. He was never selected to coach even though he had played professionally and had volunteered to coach.

Abdul – Taking away the memberships’ right to select a coach is moving in the wrong direction.

Vera Sainz – The vote will be a popularity contest regardless of who votes, the board or the membership.

Mike Masar – An incumbent travel coach should stay unless he resigns or he has a 2/3 removal vote by the board. The board is qualified to interview and assign the coaches.

Steve Murphy and Jason Sainz – There is merit in portions of the proposed change and it should be separated. We should consider modifying the amendment.

Ray Hogrelius - Any disgruntled parent of a current coach should bring their concerns to the board. If the majority of the parents are unhappy with their coach, the coach should be removed upon the end of the season.

Rick Suntag – There are too many members who attend the meetings and do not participate. They just sit in the back and vote when the time comes.

Mike Lynch – The change should be a guide-lines change, not a by-laws change.

Rick Suntag – The assigning of the travel coach is currently in the by-laws.

Mark Bertoli – If a member of the exec. Board is a coach, he/she should stay as coach to compensate for all the time and effort put it.

Current text of Article 7, Section 2:

### ARTICLE VII - TEAM HEAD COACHES AND REFEREES

**Section 2.** Travel Team Head Coaches shall be nominated in the April regular meeting, for election in the May regular meeting. Election is to be used to rank coaching pool of each division by total number of votes. The Board of Directors will assign elected Travel Team Head Coaches to respective teams in accordance with the Travel Team Coach Selection Policy. Travel Team Head Coaches shall be elected for a term of one year commencing with the next season of play. If a travel team coach should resign, be expelled, or cease to be a member, a new coach will be selected by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term.

**Proposal 1:** Change the nomination date from April to March so that elections can be held one month earlier (in April) in order to have coaches in place for earlier tryouts. Reasoning – Under the current system, our coaches are not in place until the end of May and tryouts are not held until June. We are pushing up against the end of the school year and rainouts push us back further. By the time teams are formed, people are leaving for summer vacation which hampers the carding process. We also lose some kids who end up playing out of town.

The first sentence of Article 7 Section 2 will read:

Travel Team Head Coaches shall be nominated in the March regular meeting, for election in the April regular meeting.

**Proposal 2:** Change to the date and procedure of selecting travel coaches

Reasoning:

- Move the date earlier so travel coaches can be in place for an earlier tryout date (same reasoning as proposal 1, above)
- The current travel coach election process is a popularity contest among voting members. It does not necessarily select the best candidate for the job. A coach who has been with a team for one or more years should retain his or her position unless there are issues.

Proposed changes:

- All prospective new coaches are to be interviewed by the Executive Board
- Existing Coaches are renewed for another seasonal year by the Executive Board and can only be removed by a 2/3 majority of the Executive Board
- Criteria for removing a coach during the year remains the same
- Move the selection process one month earlier so coaches are in place by the April meeting

Proposed replacement text for Article 7, Section 2

**Section 2.** New prospective travel team head coaches will be interviewed and selected by the Executive Board. Existing travel team head coaches will continue in their current positions until such time that the coach decides to resign at the completion of a seasonal year or the Executive Board by a 2/3 majority decides not to invite the coach to return for the following seasonal year. On the occurrence of multiple teams at one age and gender level, the Executive Board will assign coaches to the teams. The RTSA Head Coach will announce the selected travel team head coaches for the following seasonal year at the April monthly meeting. If a travel team head coach should resign, be expelled, or cease to be a member, a new coach will be selected by the Executive Board for the remainder of the term.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

**Everyone is reminded that the next meeting will be held on**

**Wednesday, January 31, 2007 8:00PM**

Respectfully submitted,

***Betty Ingling***

RTSA Secretary  
secretary@rtsa.org

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<p>If you would like to be added to our general announcement mailing list, send a <b>BLANK</b> email to: <a href="mailto:announce-join@rtsa.org">announce-join@rtsa.org</a>.</p> <p>To remove yourself from this list, send a blank message to <a href="mailto:announce-leave@rtsa.org">announce-leave@rtsa.org</a>.</p>	<p>If you would like to receive email messages when we close our fields, send a <b>BLANK</b> email to <a href="mailto:fields-join@rtsa.org">fields-join@rtsa.org</a>.</p> <p>To remove yourself from this list, send a blank message to <a href="mailto:fields-leave@rtsa.org">fields-leave@rtsa.org</a>.</p>
Monthly Minutes	
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