

Rockaway Township Soccer Association

<http://www.rtsa.org>

Minutes of the Meeting 29 November 2006

ATTENDANCE

Mark Berkowitz	Mark Bertoli	Valerie Bertoli	Lisa Cangelosi
Bill D'Addato	Abdullahi Dauda	Ray Hogrelius	Sharon Hogrelius
Betty Ingling	Laura Kaufman	Mike Lynch	Mike Masar
Audra Miller	Andrew Mucci	John Mongrella	Frank Morales
Mike Mugavero	John Olsen	Angie Prasad	Shail Prasad
Donna Rodrigues	Jason Sainz	Vera Sainz	Scott Schrack
George Sousonis	James Steiger	Rick Suntag	Rob Thompson
Jill Wilson			

Meeting brought to order at the municipal building at 8:06 PM by President, Mike Masar

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

The minutes of Nov 1, 2006 were approved.

There being only one nominee for each executive board position, I personally cast one ballot for each of the following who are installed as our new Executive Board:

President	Mike Masar
Vice-president	Laura Kaufman
Secretary	Betty Ingling
Treasurer	Steve Murphy
Travel Director	John Mongrella
Head Coach	Mark Berkowitz
Director of Field Operations	Mike Masar
Director of Soccer Operations	Nancy Hestevold
Head Referee	Mike Lynch

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 – given by Rick Suntag

Treasurer's Report for the Period ending 27 Nov 06.

We had a beginning balance of \$5,111.37

We incurred fees in the amount of \$2.00.

We had no deposits.

Steve submitted vouchers to the recreation department in the amount of \$4,277.95, which exhausted the budget amount of \$30,000.00.

Checks and fees in the amount of \$ 842.00 were cashed against our account.

We have accounts payable (outstanding checks) in the amount of \$3,046.00

We have a current checking account balance of \$4,269.37

Boosters' Report (Boosters@rtsa.org) – Sharon Hogrelius

We received about \$850 back from Basetti Photography. We just signed a 3 year contract with them that will give us \$400 a year. All gifts except travel have been delivered. Travel gifts should be in next week. We will put up a shed at Norway – hopefully for the spring season.

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

In-person signups were Nov 18 which was the last day of season. We had 196 registrations. A big thanks to the Booster committee for helping with the signups. The cutoff date for on-time registration is Feb 15. After that time, the fee will go up and positions will not be guaranteed. There was interest from 2 parents to start a pre-pals program for 4 year olds who missed the PALS cutoff. Travel registration info will go out after Feb 15. Deadlines will be earlier this year.

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

Thank you to everyone for a successful year – all divisions from rec to travel. Weather did not cooperate this fall. Thank you for volunteering your time for the love of the game and the love of the kids.

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

No report.

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

We had another great year. Some games were not covered, but we did our best. We only had one negative incident during the season. The referee checks are in – please contact Mike to get your check. Nearest course to become a travel referee is in Butler in March (see <http://www.njrefs.com> to register). A New youth rec referee course will be given in late winter – probably Mid-March. Referees must be 12 years old or older. Thank you to coaches, fans, and players for your attitude and behavior on the field.

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

Great job Tornados – Article in the paper about a parent / player game. Good way to promote comraderie. Final score was 3-3! Congratulations to Warriors, Panthers, and Orangatangs on winning their flights.

RTSA has fallen out of grace with MCYSA due to an incident where a coach was carded. If a coach is red carded, it is a \$200 fine and the fee must be delivered personally to the league. John must be notified.

Last season, John found out about coaches get carded twice after the season ended as part of the league's end of season disciplinary report.

The coach who was carded contacted the MCYSA discipline chair directly. Joe responded with an email and then was unavailable to give the card back. We had to wait 4 weeks to get the card.

ONLY RTSA officers should be contacting MCYSA directly.

If you have a game change, PLEASE confirm with the other team before giving the change to John to enter with the league.

We will have a U17G and U17B team in the spring.

Please tell your parents that travel is a 2 season commitment. We will not deviate from this other than High School age teams playing spring only.

John's cell number is 201-602-8012. If there is a problem on the field, call John's cell.

Director of Soccer Operations' Report (SoccerOperations@rtsa.org) Nancy Hestevold

No report.

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

We are adding the two U17 teams. We will not be adding any other teams. If any coaches have extra space on their teams, feel free to invite kids to join your team. If your age group had cuts during tryouts, contact Mark about adding players.

In Town Directors' Reports

Soccer Pals – Pre-K (SoccerPals@rtsa.org) – Orest Pencak – given by Rick Suntag

The season ended successfully. Everyone seemed happy with the kids' progress. All the trophies were handed out and I did not hear any major complaints.

American A - K (AmericanA@rtsa.org) – vacant – given by Laura Kaufman

Season went well. One team was missing mugs from the photos. Basettis sent them out. Ralph Migliore volunteered to be the new director for the spring.

National Boys – 1st & 2nd grade (NationalBoys@rtsa.org) – John Olsen

Season went well. Everyone had a blast. Some of the kids are anxiously awaiting travel soccer tryouts.

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

Season went well. There was only 1 rainout the entire season and that game was made up.

International Boys – 3rd & 4th grade (InternationalBoys@rtsa.org) – Lisa Cangelosi

All games were made up. Last makeup was played Norway under lights. Kids loved it.

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

No report.

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

Biggest problem was lights not being on at Peterson for practices. This happened about 9 times. RVSL fees for the fall still have not been paid.

Committee Reports

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

Mike will have a meeting with Joe Fiorello and a turf field company on Nov 30 at Norway Field. We

are slowly but surely moving forward to getting Norway turfed. We put in dates / times for winter practices at Morris Hills. We will go from 12PM to 7PM to allow enough time for all 18 teams. We will be starting the 1st week of January and go until the end of March.

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

No report.

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

No report

Howl-O-Ween Tournament (HowlOWeen@rtsa.org) –Laura Kaufman

Most of the refunds were sent out. Bills have been paid for t-shirts, patches. Next year's date will be Sat Oct 27, 2007. We will send out the state application in January. The tournament name will be Howloween 7 – II.

Training – (Training@rtsa.org) Mike Mugavero

Mike needs times and dates for indoor.

Finance – (Finance@rtsa.org) John Mongrella

Year end is rolling around. We need an accountant to do the work. If anyone has suggestions, please let John know.

Old Business

Lisa Cangelosi had a fundraiser for the Schmidt family. We raised enough to pay their December rent with money left over to purchase them a holiday gift basket.

New Business

John Olson – Any chance of getting gym time? Mike Masar – gym time is at a premium. Aspen now owns Diamond Gym and is a reasonably priced indoor turf facility.

Mike Lynch – Early pickup for U17B packet is needed for indoor play. The name of team is Rockaway United.

Rick Suntag – Proposed change to bylaws

Purpose: 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
- 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.

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.

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.

There was a long discussion on how players are ranked in tryouts and placed on teams and how coaches are to be selected.

Rick will rewrite the proposed bylaw change in two parts – one moving the time of coach selection earlier and the other including the method of selecting coaches.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26PM.

Everyone is reminded that the next meeting will be held on

Wednesday, January 3, 2007 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,



RTSA Secretary
secretary@rtsa.org

RTSA Public Mailing Lists

General Announcements	Field Closings
If you would like to be added to our general announcement mailing list, send a BLANK email to: announce-join@rtsa.org . To remove yourself from this list, send a blank message to announce-leave@rtsa.org .	If you would like to receive email messages when we close our fields, send a BLANK email to fields-join@rtsa.org . To remove yourself from this list, send a blank message to fields-leave@rtsa.org .
Monthly Minutes	

If you would like to receive a copy of our monthly minutes, send a **BLANK** email to: minutes-join@rtsa.org.

To remove yourself from this list, send a blank message to minutes-leave@rtsa.org.