



West Windsor Plainsboro Soccer Association

2003 Annual Meeting

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President's Report (David Westbrook)

Two thousand and three was another successful year of soccer, with hundreds of children enjoying our soccer programs. The fall recreational program had 1,619 players, while 427 players played travel soccer and 213 players played spring recreational soccer. In addition, almost 250 teams participated in the 9th Annual Sunburst Tournament. The West Windsor Township Recreational Department took over the responsibility for outdoor soccer camps this year, so we did not sponsor any camps as we had done in previous years.

For the most part the weather cooperated for the fall season; unfortunately that was not the case for the spring programs and the Sunburst Tournament. Sunburst was cancelled mid-afternoon on the first day, and many spring practices and games were cancelled.

I would like to express my appreciation to all those who contributed to this successful year, and especially to:

- The players who thoroughly enjoyed playing soccer.
- The 449 volunteer coaches and assistant coaches for your superb efforts in coaching the players and making sure they enjoyed themselves at all those games and practices.
- The parents for driving the players back and forth to games and practices, and arranging the all important game snacks.
- The Directors, League Managers and other volunteers who worked very hard to make it all happen.
- Sarnoff Corporation, West Windsor – Plainsboro Board of Education, and Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships for allowing us to use their fields and for lining and maintaining the soccer fields.
- All those people who in total donated just over \$2,700 to our Field and Capital Development Fund.

Unfortunately there were some unpleasant experiences in 2003, including an increase in player injuries, a dog bite, incidents of inappropriate behavior, and an increase in people not willing to fulfill volunteer commitments. The 2004 Board will need to consider how to reduce the likelihood of these reoccurring.

Players By Home Zip Code	
West Windsor 66%	1,342
Plainsboro 25%	516
Cranbury 4%	87
Princeton 4%	75
Other 1%	26
Total	2,046

Game Fields By Location	
Sarnoff Corp. 34%	14
Plainsboro Township 27%	11
West Windsor Township 24%	10
Board of Education 15%	6

Practice Fields By Location	
West Windsor Township 60%	12
Plainsboro Township 40%	8

Games and Practices Held Each Fall Week	
Recreational Games	67
Travel Games	33
Weekend Practices	6
Weeknight Practices	158

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It was with deep sadness that we heard that a little girl from one of our soccer families passed away. I would like to thank all the players and parents who provided and showed their support to the Patel family in their time of need.

On a more pleasant note, congratulations to our U14 Girls Breakaways on making the final four in the Snickers State Cup Competition. The State Cup is a highly competitive knock-out competition for travel teams with teams from all over the state participating. Congratulations also to our WWPSA golf team, which won the West Windsor Recreation Annual Golf Day.

We also awarded 4 scholarships to 2002 graduating seniors, Courtney Alleborn, Daniel Dickson, Khuzaima Kanpurwala, and Devlin Su, in recognition of their support of both the soccer community and the community in general.

I look forward to our 2004 year and once again would like to thank all those people who help us provide a wonderful, enjoyable, and safe soccer experience for our children

Finance (Pat Trombetta)

The Association remains in a strong financial position. Year to date 2003 net revenue is \$175,328 with expenses incurred of \$106,329. Additional expenses estimate at around \$30,000 for referees, trophies, photographs, group training still need to be finalized and paid. We raised an additional \$30,690 for our Field and Capital Development Fund.

Our Sunburst tournament had revenues of \$93,143 and expenses of \$79,478. Due to the mid-tournament cancellation of Sunburst we issued discount vouchers totaling approximately \$13,000 to teams that they can use to reduce the 2004 registration fee.

Background Checks (Bernadine Williams)

We appreciated the cooperation and patience of the coaches as we initiated a Background Checks policy to complement the existing NJYS Kid Safe program. Thank you to the West Windsor

Community Policing Unit and Plainsboro Pro Cop Unit for fingerprinting hundreds of coaches within a few weeks.

Equipment (Larry White)

This year we switched all 3rd grade and above leagues to new uniforms, and they were a big success. We will look to using these uniforms in all leagues next year. Several new items were added to the equipment bags, including disposable ice packs for all leagues. Also, clipboards, hand pumps, and stopwatches for the 3rd grade and above leagues. Sports Junction lettered all of our sponsorship jerseys this year. Many of them had logos. All sponsors were given a complimentary lettered jersey. There were 1,708 uniforms distributed to 134 teams this year. We had an enthusiastic group of volunteers who helped pack, recollect, and sort our equipment bags.

Facilities (John Rowland)

The availability of lighted fields for weeknight practices continues to be an issue, along with the quality of the fields and lights. We will continue to work with both Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships to upgrade and improve the existing fields, and hope to start the process of developing some new fields.

Fund Raising and Sponsors (Eva Schroeder)

This year we had 27 sponsored teams, raising a total of \$6,175. To show how much we appreciate their generous support, we will be providing each sponsor with a team shirt, plaque, and team photograph of their team.

We will need more volunteers for next year to help distribute the sponsorship forms, form relationships with sponsors and to help distribute the plaques, shirts, and photographs.

Merchandise (Chris Miles and Linda Seghers)

The ordering and delivery of merchandise went much more smoothly this year with a firm end-

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date for preorders and a distribution to all league managers before Labor Day. Merchandise was also a big hit at Picture Day, when parents mobbed the table and purchased over \$3,000 worth of goods. Linda and Chris would like to especially thank Lori Mozenter for coordinating the volunteers for that day and give a heart-felt thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who showed up to help out! As usual, sweatpants and sweatshirts were the biggest sellers of the league-branded merchandise.

Picture Day and Trophies (Alyssa Weinberger)

The day went very smoothly - maybe almost too smoothly! Parents were surprised to find that we were on or ahead of schedule the entire day, and that we were often waiting for team members to arrive in order to begin their photos rather than making them wait for us! The photographers and volunteers did a great job in keeping things moving along.

The Association provided a free team photo to all players, as well as trophies to all recreational players.

I would like to thank All Sport Photo for providing outstanding service to the Association as well as the many volunteers who helped out on Picture day.

Player and Coach Development (Cassandra Cohen)

The Association offered our children and coaches several opportunities this year to develop their game and coaching skills. In the spring we hosted an F License Course for coaches. It proved to be a typical spring weekend—wet! Despite the rain, 45 coaches from West Windsor – Plainsboro and neighboring soccer communities attended the two-day course. In August we hosted two coaches' clinics led by UK Elite. In addition, several coaches attended the Rutgers Safety Course led by our very own Rutgers certified trainer, David Westbrook.

This fall we expanded our optional group training for recreational players by offering a second weekly session at Plainsboro Community Park. Attendance at both sessions was very good as this program continues to be exceptionally popular.

Next year, we plan to add the E License course to our agenda. Check our web page for updates.

Recreational Program (League Managers)

Our fall recreational program fielded 134 teams this year ranging from Kindergarten to senior teams. From all accounts the players thoroughly enjoyed the program. By October everyone was dribbling, passing, shooting, scoring, and overall having a lot of fun playing this great game

Balancing teams is a problem that we will continue to work on.

Our heartiest appreciation goes to our hardworking coaches for their dedication, for taking the time to lead practices, and for teaching both soccer skills and teamwork to their players.

Thanks also to the parents who came to the games, cheered on their teams, and exhibited good sportsmanship at each match. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Referees (Rick Engel)

We have supplied referees for 32 games each Saturday, with over 60 different people having refereed this year. The conduct of the coaches and parents has been almost universally exemplary, with only a handful of incidents between coaches or parents and referees. I thank them for their excellent conduct, and invite any suggestions for improvement for next season.

We will, in conjunction with the New Jersey State Referee Office, offer a 20hour licensing course for new referees that will be taught over 3 days Saturday, January 24, 2004 - 8:30 to 4 pm; Sunday, January 25, 2004 - 8:30 to 4 pm; and Monday night January 26, 2004. Please contact Rick (EngelAngels@aol.com) if you are interested in attending.

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Registration (Catherine Hung)

Over 1,900 players were registered using our online system this year, making it much easier to manage the process of registering the over 2,000 players. Only 11 people reported problems using the online registration system. Late registrations continue to be difficult to handle and get assigned to teams in a timely manner.

Total registration fees charged were \$155,035, net late fees collected were \$13,040, and we gave financial aid totaling \$950 to 7 families representing 13 players.

This year we relied heavily on emails, the website, and flyers distributed through the school system to inform people of the fall programs.

I would like to thank the volunteers who helped capture and process registration forms and distribute information.

Sunburst Tournament (Paul Hase)

Sunburst 2004 is tentatively scheduled for June 12 and 13, 2004. Confirmation of the dates with Mercer County is in progress. Organizational meetings (at Millstone River School) are being held on November 19 and December 3 to fill all the key directors' positions. A kickoff meeting will then be held in January (date and location to be announced).

Travel Program (Scott Borsack)

No report.

Public Comments Received

Geese droppings are an issue at many fields, should ask townships to address.

New uniforms are great, although Boys Senior would prefer longer shorts.

Travel teams should also be given the same type of uniforms since the current travel uniforms cost a lot more.

More volunteers are needed, should consider a bond, volunteer coordinator positions, or first

come first serve for more desirable volunteer opportunities

Elected 2004 Board and League Managers

President - David Westbrook
VP Operations – Karen Carlen
VP Administration – Andy Rubenstein
VP Equipment - Larry White
VP Facilities - John Rowland
VP Referees - Richard Engel
VP Fund Raising - Eva Marie Schroeder
VP Pictures and Trophies - Alyssa Weinberger
Secretary - Randie Brazel
Treasurer - Pat Trombetta
Tournament Director - Paul Hase
Coach & Player Development - Cass Cohen
Background Checks - Bernadine Williams
Merchandise - **Vacant**
Registration - Catherine Hung
Travel - Scott Borsack
BK - **Vacant**
B1 - Robin Dean
B2 - Marc Herrold
B3 - Jerry McSpirtt
B4 - Leanne Bell
B5 - Mike Baxter
BI - Afzaal Akhtar
BS - Carol Padd
GK - **Vacant**
G1 - **Vacant**
G2 - **Vacant**
G3 - Renee Schroeder
G4 - Bill Kramer
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GS - **Vacant**