

**Wilton Soccer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2015**

Board Member Attendees: Jayme Casey, Tracy Scarfi, Joanna Lepore, Nick Zizzadoro, Nancy Zizzadoro, George Cross, Tony Palumbo, David Silvia, Prasad Iyer, Michele Barbieri, Ed Bergin

Non Board Member Attendees: Ben Weiss, Ryan Mims

Absent: Gabe Tully

Motions Approved

- Unanimous approval of Officers to the Board for the 2015-2016 year
- Unanimous approval of October 2015 Board minutes

Board Positions

Pete Connolly updated the board on the BOD Officer election process – once the Board has been elected, there will be a vote for the Officer positions.

The election was held to select the following new Officers:

President	Tracy Scarfi
Treasurer	Tony Palumbo
VP Boys Travel	George Cross
VP Girls Travel	Michele Barbieri
VP Pre-K and K-2	Joanna Lepore
VP Academy/Rec Plus	<i>vacant</i>
Tournaments	Nick Zizzadoro
Tryout Director	Jayme Casey
Fields Director	Gabe Tully
Fundraising Director	Prasad Iyer
Web Director	Ed Bergin
Legal Counsel	David Silvia
Secretary	Nancy Zizzadoro

Board Introductions

The Board Members each gave a brief introduction.

Soccer Extreme Update – Ben Weiss

There are changes being mandated by US Soccer for Fall 2017 (“best practice” is by Fall 2016). The changes will focus on calendar year grouping of players and small sided games, as follows:

- U6-U8 will play 4v4
- U9-U10 will play 7v7
- U11-U12 will play 9v9
- U13 and up will play 11v11

Field size changes will require purchasing slightly larger goals for certain age groups. A “build-out” line will also be made for the 7v7 games.

Tracy is going to the CJSA meeting on Thursday night and will pass along any information she receives at the meeting.

Ben said that he will email the Board members his PowerPoint presentation which contains more specific information, and a numeric summary of WSA travel by birth year.

There were many concerns about the change to calendar year grouping, including the social aspect of the game and the potential lack of an 8th grade team.

US Soccer has also created new guidelines for headers.

Ben gave a wrap-up summary of the fall season. The club as a whole was over .500. Notable achievements were that the U13 girls white team won the league championship and the U11 girls blue team went to CT Cup finals.

Ben would like to create a “Survey Monkey” to send to parents for end-of-season feedback.

There was a discussion about the repercussions of a player missing a game or practice. Currently it is left up to coaches’ discretion. There should be some clarification of this. There is a Soccer Extreme policy, but it is recommended as opposed to mandated. It was requested that the ambiguity is taken out of this policy, and that it is expressed to the coaches as a mandate.

It was suggested that a clearer policy be written and given to the coaches. The policy will be more strictly enforced in the fall season than the spring season.

BOARD UPDATES

President's Report – Tracy

There were a number of complaints during the season about Wilton parents giving refs a difficult time. It was suggested that a policy for parental behavior may need to be created.

VP Girls Travel – Tracy

Surveys were sent to teams to discover who will play multiple spring sports, who will make soccer their primary sport, etc. This will help determine if supplemental tryouts will be necessary in the spring.

Treasurer – Tony Palumbo

There is an average amount of money in the bank right now. Tony met with Pete about getting the W-9s for the year.

VP Pre-K and K-2 – Joanna

A couple of new goals are needed, in addition to new bags, balls, and first aid kits. Need to send an email blast looking for any bags that people have. Bags need to have first aid kits, concussion sheet, ice packs, pinnies, and a goalie shirt and gloves for 2nd graders. Ben will propose a list of what coaches need to have (flags, first aid kits, etc.). Tracy will add this to the agenda for next month.

Tournaments – Nick

Sent out optional winter tournaments, not sure if any teams are doing them.

VP Travel Boys – George

Seeing lots of premier programs come in. Kids leaving at earlier ages now. What is the possibility of U8 kids playing up to U9? Some kids are trying to play both travel and premier. How can we retain these kids in Wilton? Need to get the schedules other spring sports to try to work around them.

Legal – David

No report

Tryout Director – Jayme

No report

Fields Director – Gabe

No report

Fundraising Director – Prasad Iyer

No report

Web Director – Ed Bergin

No report

Legal Counsel – David Silvia

No report

Secretary – Nancy Zizzadoro

No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm
Minutes submitted by Nancy Zizzadoro