

**Wilton Soccer Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2017**  
*Due to the weather,*  
*meeting was held via conference call*

**Board Member Attendees:** Michelle Barbieri, Jeanne Cronin, Jayme Casey, Carol Faherty, Michelle Haggerty, Joanna Lepore, David Loughran, Tony Palumbo, Tracy Scarfi, John Salvatore

**Non Board Member Attendees:** Ritesh Mistry (Soccer Extreme)

**Absent:** George Cross, Prasad Iyer, Gabe Tully

**Motions Approved:** At the February meeting, the board will review and approve the November and January meeting minutes.

**Registrar Position:** An offer was made to Nancy Ward to fill the paid registrar position. Nancy has relevant experience and was the top candidate.

**Open Board Position:** The tournament/high school position remains open.

## **BOARD UPDATES**

### **Soccer Extreme- John Salvatore**

At the next live meeting John will present a slide show with an overview of the Fall 2016 season. The kick-off event during preseason camp was a success. The majority of travel teams are participating in winter training and the feedback has been very positive. For the spring season, one coach is not returning (Freddie) and all other coaches are set to return. Freddie coached the Girls 2008 Blue and 2011 White teams. John is actively recruiting a new coach. John, Michelle and George will meet to go over the spring survey and work with Jayme to determine if supplemental tryouts are necessary. Feedback from the new Warrior program was very positive. The new model provides more training for players but also provides more flexibility than the travel program. John suggested pulling players from the Warrior program to fill open spots on travel teams.

### **President – Tracy Scarfi**

The Soccer Extreme contract meeting is coming up in early February so an update will be provided at the next meeting. Adidas is changing the style of the uniform. Existing players do not have to purchase a new uniform as the colors are the same. The new style will be phased in as players purchase new items. Tracy will bring one of the new jerseys to the February meeting. Dave Loughran and John Salvatore will attend the annual CJSA meeting.

### **Treasurer – Tony Palumbo**

There is \$190,000 in the bank. All bills are paid and Tony is finalizing the taxes. The process of paying referees needs improvement. Several refs need to provide their social security numbers. Tony will work with Karen Pearsall to gather this information for the spring season. If Nancy accepts the registrar position, she can take this process over.

**Intramural K-2 – Joanna Lepore**

Registration is open for the spring season and approximately 50 are registered. A reminder will go out after February break. Shirts have been ordered. Need to purchase more equipment bags with gloves and new soccer balls. John Salvatore will look at the quality of the soccer balls for all groups.

**Team Warrior – David Loughran**

A meeting was held with Dave Nuttall and Ritesh Mistry to discuss the Warrior Program. They will continue with two days of training. This program is a good value and good alternative to travel. They identified three areas of improvement for the 2017 spring season:

- Registration- start registration earlier and set a deadline. The program will have more time to balance teams.
- Communication- each team needs a parent manager to help with practices and games. Give the parent managers the tools to succeed, such as posting all events on the website and using the SI app.
- Section off a “Cheering Zone” area for parents, hoping to keep parents at a good distance from the field and create a positive environment at games. The board discussed the set-up of this area and the possibility of signs of encouragement with local sponsors. John Salvatore will share the Soccer Extreme core values at the next meeting.

**VP Girls/Boys Travel – Michele Barbieri/George Cross**

Teams should keep the corner flags for the spring season. A new process will assign numbers to the equipment bags and have managers sign the bags in and out for the season. Most coaches do not have medical kits at games. Going forward should the team managers be responsible for the kits.

**Fundraising – Prasad Iyer**

No report

**Tryouts/Supplementals – Jayme Casey**

Will give supplemental tryout update at next meeting.

**Fields & Operations – Gabe Tully**

No report

**Web Director – Michelle Haggerty**

K-2 Intramural registration starts on March 31. A google spread was created with registration dates and deadlines. Warrior and Travel registration closes on March 17. Teams will be created on website. More team pictures will be posted on the WSA site and Facebook page to promote the club.

**Legal Counsel – Carol Faherty**

No report

**Secretary – Jeanne Cronin**

No report

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm  
Minutes submitted by Jeanne Cronin