

Wilton Soccer Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 23, 2012  
Comstock Community Center

**Board Member Attendees:** Scott Vanderwall, Patti Hoffmann, Pete Connolly, Eric English, Bryce Brichkowski, Sandra Adams, Lisa Smith, Bob Cramer, Jim Newfield, Russ Schmidt, Kris Forland and Heather Jung

**Absent:** Andy Hoffmann

**Non Board member attendees:** John Salvatore, Nathan Holmes, Graeme Lloyd, Nick Zizzadoro, Kim Dejana and Pilar King

**Motions approved**

- Unanimous approval of March 19, 2012 minutes
- Supplemental player to be added to Boys U12B, approved 8-1-1.
- If above player accepts spot, one player from Boys U12B moves to U12A at the coach's decision, approved 8-1-1
- Prorate cost for supplemental player to U12B, approved 8-1-1.
- Double roster Boys U12A players on Boys U13A at coach's discretion, approved 5-2-3.
- Ask former U13A players to play for U13A team without paying coaching fees, approved 5-3-2.
- Accept Laure Friedman and Farrah Minnich as this year's Nominating Committee, approved unanimously.
- Approve this year's election process as outlined, approved unanimously.
- By-law changes outlined by Jim Newfield, unanimously approved.

7:35 p.m. Scott Vanderwall, Co-President, called the meeting to order.

**Boys Travel – Nathan Holmes:** Nathan would like to address the issue of making up games during the week, but was told by Karen Pearsall, referee coordinator, that the games should be made up on Saturdays. Scott will speak with Karen Pearsall.

**Boys Travel – Bryce Brichkowski:** Motion for the U12B team to add a supplemental player to the roster. (Approve – Bryce, Sandra, Russ, Kris, Bob, Eric, Lisa; Oppose – Patti; Abstain – Pete). Motion if this supplemental player accepts the spot, the coach would like to move one player from B to A team (Approve – Bryce, Sandra, Russ, Kris, Bob, Eric, Lisa; Oppose – Patti; Abstain – Pete). Motion to prorate cost for the supplemental U12B player (Approve – Bryce, Sandra, Russ, Kris, Bob, Eric, Lisa; Oppose – Patti; Abstain – Pete).

Boys Travel – John Salvatore: U13 team is in jeopardy of folding. They are the only team in that age bracket and they are playing in the A division. Graeme Lloyd is the coach and the last game, they were only able to field 11 players and they got crushed.

John recommends that U12A players be allowed to double roster to help out. John also recommends that former U13 players who have left for other spring sports be able to play on an ad hoc basis. This would not be a policy change, rather a temporary fix to allow this team to finish the season. On the back of John's recommendation, motion to double roster U12A players on the U13A team at coach's discretion (Approve – Sandra, Russ, Bob, Eric, Heather; Oppose – Bryce, Lisa; Abstain – Pete, Patti, Kris). Motion to ask former players on the U13A team who are currently playing other sports to come back on a need basis to play without paying coach's fee (Approve – Pete, Russ, Bob, Eric, Lisa; Oppose – Sandra, Bryce, Heather; Abstain – Patti, Kris).

**Election Process – Heather Jung:** After the introduction of Laure Friedman and Farrah Minnich during last meeting, I motion to accept them as our Nominating Committee for this year (Approve – Pete, Heather, Sandra, Bryce, Patti, Kris, Bob, Eric, Lisa; Abstain – Russ). Motion to accept election process as outlined via a web-based poll (Approve – Pete, Sandra, Bryce, Patti, Russ, Kris, Bob, Eric, Lisa and Heather).

**Academy – Lisa Smith:** She would like to make clear that make up games for travel do not trump Academy.

**Nutmeg Tournament update:** John, Scott and Russ met for tournament discussion. They will set up tournament as a round robin format with a final for all teams, guaranteeing 4 games per team. They are working through the pricing. One day format currently runs \$175 - \$500 per team. Scott will complete the CJSA application and put it up on the website.

**Financial Aid Policy – Heather Jung:** After researching other clubs in the SWD, distributed a proposal of a financial aid policy. Many of the board felt it was too stringent. I will remove supporting documentation from the form and add a question instead. I will send it out prior to next board meeting.

**Legal – Jim Newfield:** Patti wanted to discuss this idea of unanimous consent via emails when a decision needs to be made quickly. The By-laws currently state that unanimous consent is necessary without a proper meeting; however, the proposed and accepted changes to the By-laws will allow us to conference via phone in order to make quick decisions on time sensitive issues. Jim collected all signed By-law changes for his records and we will post to the website.

**Fields – Eric English:** There were a few issues for field closures during the rain. He has ironed them out and is now on the list from Comstock during the week. He will put the closures on the hotline, website and email blast. Patti and Lisa volunteered to help if he is not around. There was a question of who is in charge of field closures on weekends. We will address this next board meeting. Complaints of divots at Ambler, will contact Parks and Recreation to fix them.

**Parent on Duty (POD) –** are they still necessary? Resounding yes, for safety and injury of the children. It helps the coach if there is an injured child.

**President's Report – Scott Vanderwall:** WSA will support the Kristine Lilly Dinner by taking an advertisement \$600. In addition, Scott has been researching the uniforms and has met with both Nike and Adidas. He has been in touch with Sports Authority – they will give WSA this weekend 20% off all merchandise in the store. They will do this the beginning of each season.

**Treasurer – Pete Connolly:** Up until this point, the credit card processing was a two step process and he has been able to automate it. Currently, only 40 people haven't paid. He will send an email out at the end of this week. He would also like to have a registration discussion as well as revisiting high school coaching fees at a meeting in the future.

**Girls Travel – Sandra Adams:** They have held the manager's meeting. Many girls played in the White Plains tournament and we had some very good results – Girls U9 Gold – 1<sup>st</sup> place; Girls U10 Blue – 1<sup>st</sup> place; Girls U9 White – 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Boys U9 white – 1<sup>st</sup> place).

**Travel Tryout – Russ Schmidt:** He sent out email with the travel tryout schedule. Tryouts will be the week of May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Operations - Bob Cramer:** We currently have Stateline Landscaping lining the fields. We will bid this out in the summer. Mickey Kydes needed safer ties for the goals. He will pick them up this week.

**Player Retention Presentation – Sandra Adams, Bryce Brichkowski, and Heather Jung:** After two months of research, we began discussing the reasons players leave the WSA, when they leave and solutions to keep them playing soccer. We will continue this next meeting.

10:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Heather Jung, Secretary.