

**Wilton Soccer Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2016**

**Board Member Attendees**

Michele Barbieri, Ed Bergin, George Cross, Mike Healy, Prasad Iyer, Joanna Lepore, Tony Palumbo, Tracy Scarfi, Gabe Tully, Nick Zizzadoro

**Non Board Member Attendees**

John Salvatore

**Absent**

Jayme Casey, David Silvia, Nancy Zizzadoro

**Motions Approved**

- Unanimous approval of December 2015 Board minutes
- Unanimous approval of Mike Healy as the VP of Academy

**Supplemental Tryouts**

Some girls' teams have many lacrosse players. The DOC will review the numbers and decide how to manage this, and decide if it is necessary to double roster or combine teams. Supplemental tryouts will definitely be necessary for U13 and U14. It was noted that players who are new in town may try out at any time.

About 50% of boys play other sports. Various age groups were discussed to determine which teams may need supplemental tryouts. Will definitely need supplemental tryouts for U10, U12, and U14.

May try to get Lilly (Gabe) in February for supplementals. And will get registration open (Ed) for supplementals as well.

**Age Mandate/Town Hall**

Announced to membership base that age-based and field size changes will happen. WSA will propose "ripping off band-aid" to get in line with US Soccer. Other towns appear to be doing this as well. We will allow for players to tryout to "play-up." They must first discuss and apply with DOC before registering to tryout for older age group. DOC will make decision based upon evaluations and data on players. Players would then have to tryout for both teams. Tryouts will be staggered by age groups to give players the ability to tryout for multiple age groups. When tryouts are announced, the results will be staggered. Players will have 48 hours to decide. For example, U14s first, then U13s two days later, etc. The Board and DOC need to create an application and vote on application process. Next year, probable U14/U15 team to capture U15 kids who are not in HS. Discussed a possible U8 team but haven't voted on it. Thinking about offering a U8 travel team next year.

We will allow current K-2 program to remain grade based. Eligible 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be able to tryout next year for travel through application process.

Town hall meeting is on February 18<sup>th</sup> - may do a dry run for town hall meeting

### **Academy Overhaul**

Now just one day a week with pro plus games with parents; proposal to move to two days/week practices with coach + games with pro coach to look similar to travel. Will keep it grade based.

Mike will get together with John to propose specific recommendations for next Fall season.

Next year, teams may have players with same numbers. Need to decide how to handle this. Will WSA eat the cost or can we use Adidas credits. Prasad will call Adidas on this.

### **BOARD UPDATES**

#### **Director of Coaching – John Salvatore**

No report

#### **President’s Report – Tracy Scarfi**

Received spring schedule from CJSA

#### **Treasurer – Tony Palumbo**

\$60,000 in cash. All 1099s are completed except one.

#### **Intramural K-2 – Joanna Lepore**

Working on setting up registration. Concussion thing is part of registration form online.

Many bags are still needed for K-2.

#### **Academy – Mike Healy**

No report

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

Discussed team division moves – Tracy will ask SWD CJSA

#### **Fundraising – Prasad Iyer**

Sports Authority will give us \$1500 check for club – increased from \$1000 – we will continue getting coupons – Wilton Sports will continue to provide pre-K shirts. Vote on putting

Wilton Sports on our website as a sponsor. Unanimous.

#### **Tryouts – Jayme Casey**

No report

#### **Fields & Operations – Gabe Tully**

Less fields in spring than in fall. HS lax field schedule changing. Gabe will talk to Steve Pierce about this.

#### **Tournaments – Nick Zizzadoro**

Nick gave recommendations for tournaments; HS travel registration will open by mid-Feb –

Nick to work with Ed on this.

#### **sWeb Director – Ed Bergin**

Ed working on registration system. CJSA deadlines is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Will close WSA registration by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Legal Counsel – David Silvia**

No report

**Secretary – Nancy Zizzadoro**

No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm  
Minutes submitted by Nick Zizzadoro