

**Wilton Soccer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2016**

Board Member Attendees

Michele Barbieri, George Cross, Jayme Casey, Joanna Lepore, Tony Palumbo, Tracy Scarfi, Gabe Tully, Nancy Zizzadoro, Nick Zizzadoro

Non Board Member Attendees

Ritesh Mistry, Dave Nuttall, John Salvatore, Ben Weiss

Absent

Ed Bergin, Mike Healy, Prasad Iyer, David Silvia

Motion Approved

Unanimous approval of May 2016 Board minutes.

Fall 2016 Start Dates

- August 29 K-2 and travel practices begin
- September 3 K-2 games begin
- September 11 Travel games begin
- September 17 Rec Plus league games begin
- October 9 No travel games (Columbus Day weekend)
- November 6 K-2 and travel games end
- November 12/13 Travel team playoffs

Pre-season camps for travel teams may be the week of August 22nd – dates will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Rush Teams/Field Availability

Currently, six Rush teams are approved to utilize fields in Wilton. However, there are 7 full-time Rush teams and 6 part-time teams. In the fall there will be 25-27 travel teams and 14-15 Academy teams. Ben Weiss and Gabe Tully are meeting this week to look at the field layouts, and will have more information at the next Board meeting. In the past, travel practices were limited to Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A **motion** was made to open up Tuesdays to schedule travel team practices. The motion was approved.

Tryouts/Rostering

John Salvatore and Ben Weiss gave a summary of the travel tryout process and data. About 440 players in total tried out. John and Ben worked with the current travel coaches for input and used a quantitative approach to collect data on each player over the week. Scores were tallied and averaged for each player in a few different categories. John Salvatore, along with various coaches, evaluated players at each session.

John and Ben presented the suggested roster sizes for each age group U9 (2008) through U15 (2001/02). The Board discussed and voted to approve the suggested roster sizes for all teams except for GU13 and BU15. Approval for those two teams will be discussed via phone conference when they are finalized.

A personal email will be sent to each player offering a roster spot on their respective team. The email will also include information regarding the upcoming season and a link to click in order to accept their roster spot. They will be given 48 hours to accept and pay.

The Board was not privy to any individual player names as this has been kept confidential throughout the process.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm
Minutes submitted by Nancy Zizzadoro