

**Wilton Soccer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2016**

Board Member Attendees

Michelle Barbieri, George Cross, Jayme Casey, Prasad Iyer, Joanna Lepore, David Loughran, Tony Palumbo, Tracy Scarfi, Gabe Tully, Nancy Zizzadoro, Nick Zizzadoro

Non-Board Member Attendees

John Salvatore

Absent

Ed Bergin, David Silvia

Minutes

Unanimous approval of September 2016 Board minutes.

Playtime Rule

The current rule is that all players will play for 50% of the season. There was discussion regarding changing this rule, but it was decided that the rule is appropriate. George suggested that it may be beneficial to put some U9 or U10 teams in the CCSL league. This league has a more developmental passage to college and provides better communication and more services than a travel program. However, this is a fairly competitive league, and most Wilton teams probably would not be able to compete at this level. It was discussed that a way to make Wilton travel teams more competitive might be to re-evaluate the players after the fall season and see if there were any glaring errors regarding team placement. If so, these players can be shifted to a more suitable team. John Salvatore will come up with a policy on making changes to team rosters mid-year. A motion was made to approve John Salvatore's ability to change rosters mid-year starting in the 2017-18 season. The motion was approved.

Open Board Positions

There are a few positions that are open on the Board, including Web Director, Secretary, and Tournaments/HS Soccer.

Paid Board Position

Based upon discussion at the last Board meeting, it was agreed that no fees would be waived for Board members. In order to cover the paid admin position (which will be \$20,000), fees will go up. There will be an increase of about \$35 per player. The increase would be scaled down by program – the largest increase will be seen in Travel, then the Warrior program, then K-2. Tracy and Dave L. will be conducting interviews to fill the position.

President-in-Training Position

This is a non-voting Board position. A motion was made to approve the new VP position. The motion was approved.

Contract Renewal Periods

Contracts for both Soccer Extreme and Mickey Kydes are up in August 2017. Information about CT Rush needs to be included in the new Soccer Extreme contract. WSA currently does not have contracts with 3 of the Travel coaches (Jim Lewicki, Jim Cook, and Jason Greasley). It is still being decided if they will have direct contracts with John Salvatore, or will fall under the WSA contract with Soccer Extreme.

There is currently not enough time to go through a full RFP process, so both contracts will be renewed. A motion was made to renew both contracts for a 3-year period. The motion was approved.

BOARD UPDATES

Mickey Kydes Soccer

No report

Soccer Extreme – John Salvatore

All coaches should have completed their mid-season player evaluations. There will be a winter training option at Wilton Sport & Fitness for all teams. The Columbus Day tournament was successful, despite the rainy weather. There were 130 teams. Wilton fields can handle about 80 teams, so some games were moved to Easton. Next year the hope is that overflow fields will be closer to Wilton. John would like to do more in the way of fundraising for the club next year at the tournament. John asked that the Board approve the Rush tournament as an annual event, rather than having to come to the Board each year for approval. It was decided that this would be part of the new Soccer Extreme contract.

President – Tracy Scarfi

Apparently last weekend was silent sidelines, but CJSA never sent out an email regarding this. Wilton will be hosting the BU13A playoff bracket games. The outstanding uncollected fees are down to about \$2000.

Treasurer – Tony Palumbo

No report

Intramural K-2 – Joanna Lepore

No report

Team Warrior – David Loughran

Some of the girls' rosters had to be split to give kids more playing time. A few travel players were brought in to fill in the gaps.

VP Girls/Boys Travel – Michele Barbieri/George Cross

Allens 5 and 6 have lights, so practices are continuing there.

Fundraising – Prasad Iyer

Need to look at providing shirts for the spring for Pre-K and possible K-2.

Tryouts/Supplementals – Jayme Casey

No report

Fields & Operations – Gabe Tully

No report

Tournaments/High School – Nick Zizzadoro

No report

Web Director – Ed Bergin

No report

Legal Counsel – David Silvia

No report

Secretary – Nancy Zizzadoro

No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm
Minutes submitted by Nancy Zizzadoro