

**Wilton Soccer Association
Board Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2017**

Board Member Attendees: Michelle Barbieri, Jayme Casey, Jeanne Cronin, George Cross, , Carol Faherty, Michelle Haggerty, Prasad Iyer, Joanna Lepore, David Loughran, Tony Palumbo, Tracy Scarfi, John Salvatore, Gabe Tully, Nancy Ward

Non Board Member Attendees: Ritesh Mistry (Soccer Extreme)

Absent: Mickey Kydes

Motions Approved:

Unanimous approval of the November 2016 and January 2017 Board minutes.

Unanimous approval of a Boys and Girls U8 Travel Team.

Unanimous approval to cover registration fees for the Syrian refugee children.

Unanimous approval for the WSA to give a \$500 gift card to the Bergin family.

Coaching Updates:

- Mickey Kydes: The K-2 program is ready for the spring season. Registration is open and the weekly clinics are scheduled.
- Soccer Extreme: There are 190 players participating in winter training at WSF. For the spring, the open positions on boy's teams will be filled by supplemental tryouts. For girls, there is one spot open on a 2008 team. Coaches will be announced on March 1. Ben and Gabe are working on practice times and fields. Depending on the weather, the season is scheduled to start on 4/2.

Soccer Extreme Fall Wrap Up & Spring Readiness

John Salvatore presented an overview of the Fall 2016 season, which included results for the boys and girls travel teams, CT Rush, the Warrior program and the Columbus Day tournament. There are 190 players participating in the winter training at WSF. Looking ahead to the Spring 2017 season, teams will move divisions based on their Fall record. The theme for Spring 2017 is "Accountability"- players and coaches should be ready to play physically and mentally. There will be a focus on goalkeeping and improving training at all levels.

Adidas Contract

The contract is done and Adidas is shipping the merchandise (bags and balls). K-2 will take what they need and the rest goes in the locker. Soccer & Rugby has inventory at the store. The new uniform style has changed but the pricing will stay the same.

K-2 Expenses

Going forward, players will no longer receive a free team picture. Joanna presented several style and price options for team jerseys. The group decided on the jersey from the Wilton Sport Shop for \$6.95/shirt. Trophies will stay the same.

Boys and Girls U8 Travel team for 2017-18 Season

In order to stay competitive with other towns, the group discussed a U8 travel team. Some players are ready to compete at the travel level earlier on. There will be one team for the girls and boys and they will compete in the lowest U9 division. These players will have the option to play K-2 with their peers. With the new field sizes, there will be availability for these teams.

Travel Readiness Program

There will 7 sessions scheduled in the spring to get players ready for tryouts. This should be communicated to the entire community, not just through the WSA.

Capital fundraising: Table until March meeting.

Open Board positions (Tournament/HS, Treasurer – fall 17)

Tony would like to work with the new Treasurer before he steps down in the fall. The board discussed whether not it is necessary to have a Tournament Director. John proposed a central document for tournaments to help with the process of registration and payment.

BOARD UPDATES

President – Tracy Scarfi

The new field sizes will work on the current playing fields. There is a meeting with Parks & Rec next week to discuss the plan to turf the North Field (next to Lilly) and Allens 5 & 6. The town is supporting this and it will take 3-5 years. There is a possibility of a surcharge for all players to cover costs and maintenance.

Treasurer – Tony Palumbo

There is \$290,000 in the bank. The taxes are done and the budget is in process. The coach's fees are paid. Tony is stepping down as Treasurer this fall. The new treasurer should have some Accounting experience and transition with Tony for a few months.

Intramural K-2 – Joanna Lepore

Registration is open for Pre-K and K-2.

Team Warrior – David Loughran

Registration is open until March 17.

VP Girls/Boys Travel – Michele Barbieri/George Cross

Travel players need to register by March 5 or the player will not be on the roster. For girls travel, 6 of 13 teams are fully registered to date. For boys supplemental tryouts are needed for 2008 and 2002/2003.

Fundraising – Prasad Iyer

John suggested a pro-soccer game as a fundraising event. Other ideas included auction items or fundraising at the Rush tournament.

Tryouts/Supplementals – Jayme Casey

There are 9 registered for supplemental tryouts.

Fields & Operations – Gabe Tully

Field set up is scheduled for the weekend of 3/25 and 3/26. The field/goal size changes for the 2017/2018 are all set. There is no need to purchase new goals with the 8 in. variance. Allens will be closed on 4/23 for a lacrosse tournament and Madaras will be closed on May 4th for the Color Run.

Web Director – Michelle Haggerty

The Pre-K page is working. All registration is open and she will read out to community via Facebook page and the possibility of a Twitter account. Michelle requested an original image of the WSA logo and team pictures to update the website. Also, do we need a consent form for pictures?

Legal Counsel – Carol Faherty

None

Secretary – Jeanne Cronin

None

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm
Minutes submitted by Jeanne Cronin