

WSA Board Meeting Minutes October 4, 2010

WSA Board Attendees: Jeff Boley, Mike Byrne, Todd Coleman, Lauren deBruijn, Mark DiMaio, Jessica Donahue, Tracy Fincher, George Kindel, Mary Jane Liu, Wes Malowitz, Elaine Marino, Steve Rowland, and Graham Smith. Other attendees: Robby Casey, Mickey Kydes.

7:38 pm: Wes Malowitz, WSA President, called the meeting to order.

The August 23 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Wes mentioned the Breakfast of Champions Food Drive, which took place on October 2-3. More than 600 boxes of cereal and breakfast bars were donated by WSA parents and brought to the Gillespie House Food Pantry in Westport. WSA parent Brian Rutter brought the idea to the Board, while Lauren deBruijn coordinated a team of WSA volunteers to collect and deliver the goods to the food pantry.

Financials: Mike Byrne, WSA Treasurer, reported that our accounts are in good order and all bills have been paid.

League: The referee assignment process, which is now being administered by Katrina Leo, is going well. Jeff Boley asked about the complaint process to report referee behavior, and was informed of the website www.ctref.org

Grades K-2 teams have good clinic attendance versus “sporadic” attendance for Grades 3-4 teams.

It was mentioned that in Grades 3-4, the games are lopsided scoring-wise. Placing friends on the same team is likely to be a major contributor to this problem, and should be given close consideration next year when determining teams due to the apparent affect.

Todd Coleman discussed the low turnout at the volunteer coach class, and will work on a plan to help improve attendance for the next coaching class.

It was mentioned how the team-specific League game shirts for Grades K-6, are a big hit. Grades 7-8 players have two jerseys (like the Travel teams) and enjoy these as well.

Travel: Three teams are still in CT Cup (U11 G Blue, U12 G Blue, U13 G Blue). Good feedback was received re the Poughkeepsie, NY tournament, which the Blue teams attended. A discussion re U11/U12 players leaving WSA for premier teams ensued, and what the WSA could do to keep the younger premier players in the WSA. A U11-U14 Travel parent meeting is scheduled for December 6 at Long Lots School auditorium (7:00) pm, regarding this issue.

WIN2011: A new website www.wintournament.net has been created. A WIN organization meeting will be held in November. Robby Casey will make a presentation to Wells-Fargo re sponsorship in the next few weeks.

Equipment: Graham Smith reported that the 4' x 8' smaller goal nets are old and in disrepair, and are no longer made by the vendor in that size. MK mentioned that 4.5' x 9' goals are a better size for our needs. Graham will research and revert.

8:40 pm: Meeting adjourned.