

WESTPORT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting October 7, 2008

Minutes

An open meeting of the Westport Soccer Association Board was held on October 7, 2008 in the Green Room at the Westport Town Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m. Present were: Paul Rossi, Larry Berman, Mark Gudis, Wes Malowitz, Michael Byrne, Valerie Roger, Robby Casey, Alex Anvari, Mary Jane Liu, Mickey Kydes, Tracy Fincher, Mark Koenig and Richard Woodhull

The Minutes from the WSA September 2008 meeting were approved.

President's Report: Paul Rossi

- Focus on WIN
- WSA day at Staples both boys (10/14) and girls (10

WIN

- Issues to decide:
 - Scrap ad booklet
 - Assign responsibility for tournament to certain age group (indoor to U-10, outdoor to U13)
- To do ASAP:
 - Get director(s)
 - Get mailing lists
 - Hold the dates March 14 & 15, 2008
 - Hold organizational meeting (10/24/08?)

Equipment Director's Report: Larry Berman.

- Need to get more info. to rec. coaches /comm'rs about equipment & cleaning fields – suggested coaches/commissioner's handbook.
- One bent 8 v. 8 goal at Wakeman moved or replaced by Parks & Rec.

SWD Report: Michael Byrne

- No report

Program Director Report: Mickey Kydes.

Rec.

1. Just finished 5 weeks of clinics. 2 weeks left with a couple of make ups.
2. Participation has been very good. I encourage all of you again to come out and observe our clinics while the weather is still nice.
3. Kelvin Matumbo and Gabriel Stan have been observing Saturday rec games

Travel

1. Going in to our 7th week of travel soccer. Four weeks left. Will need to make adjustment in practices as we lose more and more daylight.
2. Columbus Day tournaments coming up this weekend
3. All player evaluations should be in players hands by October 17, 2008.
4. We are in communication with Valerie and Jane trying to stay one step ahead of any issues/concerns that come to our attention. Gabriel and Allan's presence on the fields really help.
5. U12 Boys and Girls blue teams have advanced to state cup quarter finals.

Travel Directors Report: Val Rogers and Jane Orlin

- Summary of Attrition to Premier Clubs was provided and a general discussion of the impact of Premier Clubs on travel programs followed.
- Discussion of U-12 girls situation.
- Education Program for U-11 Parents was proposed and discussed.
- Standards for and behavior of Assistant Coaches was discussed. Possible communication from P.Rossi/V.Rogers/J.Orlin and MK to all Assistant Coaches reminding everyone of the guidelines.

League Director's Report: Alex Anvari

- Discussed putting players, parents and Coaches contacts on web
- Photo day 10/25/08

Referee Director: Robby Casey

- Need zero tolerance policy toward ref abuse.
- Need to raise consciousness of parents and coaches on appropriate sideline behavior toward players and refs.

Fields: Mary Jane Liu

- Westport hosting U-13 girls divisional playoffs on 11/8-11/9 at Wakeman
- Need field marshals