

WALTHAM YOUTH SOCCER GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Date: February 17, 2010

Members Present:

Jay Babcock, Kevin Felton, Anna Masciovecchio, Linda Joyce, Mike Guzzi, Dan Iodice, Ray Halleran, Pino Viscomi, Alison Coates, Craig Schubert,

Others Present:

Bob Irvine, Lisa Irvine, Peggy Landry, Suzanne Concetti, Michelle Labossiere, Gary Romancewicz, Armen Bahlavouni

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

President's Report

Mike Guzzi welcomed everyone to the February General meeting. Mike began the meeting by opening the floor to Dan Iodice and his Futsal Team. Dan thanked the board for supporting his team to compete in the National Tournament in Kansas. His team, once again, did very well at this very high level of competition. Members of the team spoke of their experience and also thanked the board for helping them with their financial needs to enable them to compete in the tournament. This is there last year playing together as a U19 team. All went well. Dan addressed the board with a list of duties for his team to perform during the weeks to come during the Spring Season to give back to Waltham Youth Soccer. (ie, set up on Saturday morning's, Concession Stand help, field linings, ect.....)

Mike reported we have 615 players registered as of today. This number is very low. (especially for the Spring)

Most teams have coaches and assistants. There are only 2 teams needing assistants.

Peter Azar sent a notice to WYS stating that we do not need to pay fees to use establishments like Government Center. (Just schools that require a custodian)

Scott Wakefield is asking for pledges for running the Boston Marathon for the cancer Society. A motion was made by Kevin Felton to pledge \$100.00. Lisa Irvine 2nd the motion All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Mike Guzzi reemphasized that CORI checks are mandatory this year for all involved in WYS. (Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Referees, and all involved with our youths.

Mike reported that all teams were placed at the last Middlesex Meeting for the Spring. Five teams were either moved a division up or down accordingly.

Mike presented the new WYS uniform for U16, U18, & U19 teams. (for Jim Bitsoli)

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Mike noted that our registration for U6 is much lower than most towns and we should raise this in the Fall to cover our costs of uniforms and fees. This program runs for a 6 week period. A motion was made by Alison Coats to run this program for 6 weeks in the Fall for \$50.00. The motion was 2nd by Kevin Felton. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

The concession stand at Veterans Fields has many building issues that need to be addressed by the city. Windows that don't open, shortage of hand soap and other supplies. Also, the heaters in the hall need thermostats. There is also no hot water available. Mike informed the city that the flagpole does not have a light on it at Veterans Field and that they are flying the American Flag at night in darkness. This is improper flag etiquette and needs to be corrected. The response he received back on this issue was that they would just take the flag down all together. All present agreed that this was not an acceptable option and that the flag should fly over Veterans Fields in a respectful manner. Mike will continue to see that this issue gets corrected properly.

The golf style netting behind all the fields are a mess and are going to be replaced by the city. Also, a private contractor will be hired by the city to work on the turf fields addressing multiple issues with the turf. Times are to be announced as to when they will be doing the work.

On December 9th, Ian Ashford was appointed as the temporary Middlesex League Coordinator. This appointment was agreed upon by members of the Executive Board.

Mike concluded with a letter from a parent that is requesting that their daughter be moved to another team. WYS contacted the coaches RE: this issue. Both coaches do not want to make this move and are happy with their teams as is. Jay noted that this issue needs to be addressed further by the Executive Board, the 2 coaches, and the parents of the child.

Vice President's Report:

Jay addressed the board and all present about the annual Parks & Recreation meeting that was held in January. Topics covered were fields, WYS registration numbers, and our needs for the coming seasons.

Secretary's Report:

Craig Schubert read the minutes from the Nov. 9, 2009 meeting. Jay Babcock made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as read. Kevin Felton 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the report was accepted.

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Treasurer's Report:

Anna Masciovecchio read the Treasurer's report and noted that all referees were paid. Checks for teams playing In-Door soccer were disbursed to the coaches. Two scholarships were given out this year to deserving students attending a four year college program. Alison Coates made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Mike Guzzi 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the report was accepted.

Registrar's Report:

Alison Coates stated that our permits have been submitted for fields this Spring. Dates for fields are as follows. Monday March 29th through Saturday June 26th. We are still waiting on Parks & Recreation to give WYS the ok to use the fields. It was also noted that WYS does not have access to Veterans Field #1 Monday through Thursday. We can not use any of the Veterans fields before 5:00 pm on any day and there is always a chance of WHS Lacrosse using the fields after 5:00 pm due to a game. All coaches need to be prepared to find space around Veterans Fields Complex to practice until the games conclude. All coaches are expected to handle themselves in a respectful manner.

WYS practices will run as follows:

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Coaches that wish to run a practice longer than an hour should put in for a 6:00 pm time slot. Coaches will not be allowed to start a practice at 5:30 pm or run from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. If your schedule does not allow you to run practices at these times, you need to book either McDevitt Field or Graverson Field.

Our permit has been submitted for the Memorial Day (Weekend) Tournament. WHS may be able to get a team or two into this event. Info will be provided as it becomes available.

MPS will again be holding a clinic on Fridays from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (U10 and under) and from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (U12 and up) The field this will take place on is still under discussion and should be clarified soon.

Try outs need to be set. Michelle Labossier noted that the week of May 17th - May 21st is not a good week as a lot of GU14 players will be away. The week of May 24th – May 28th was suggested. It was also suggested this year that all Div. 1 and 2 players will try out against each other and all Div. 3 & 4 players will try out against each other. Alison Coates also suggested bringing in teams from other towns to scrimmage our teams so we could get a better evaluation in an actual game situation.

Ray suggested hiring John Grayson (Newton In-Door Sports Center) to do our evaluations as he does training all the time and runs many clinics

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Middlesex League Report:

The Middlesex League has decided to go back to the 10 week Spring and 8 week Fall seasons.

March 3rd is the date that we can make changes to team rosters. Our U16 girls, U16 Boys, U18 Boys, and U19 Boys teams will be placed on March 2nd for their respective divisions.

New Business:

WYS end of year gifts. The representative was not present to discuss the end of year gift.

A point person needs to be appointed from WYS for the Concession Stand. Waltham Softball does not have a point person any more and is relinquishing all duties to WYS. (Monies not included.)

Jay presented WYS By-Law updates to be voted on. These updates are as follows:

A motion was made from Bob Irvine to accept the update to Article 2 Sections 1 and 3. Kevin Felton 2nd the motion and it was accepted.

A motion was made from Kevin Felton to accept the update to Article 5. Pino Viscomi 2nd the motion and it was accepted.

A motion was made from Lisa Irvine to accept the update to Article 7. Bob Irvine 2nd the motion and it was accepted.

A motion was made by Bob Irvine to rename the current WYS positions to the new positions. The motion was 2nd by Kevin Felton and accepted.

Next WYS General Meeting March 10th, 2010 :

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm
Respectively Submitted,

Craig Schubert
Secretary, Waltham Youth Soccer