

# Wilmington Youth Soccer Association

## *Board of Directors Meeting Minutes*

Sunday November 7.2021

4th of July Building

**Directors Present:** TJ Lawrence, Nate Tarin, Billy Long, Ed White, Mike King , Darwin Molina, Carol Hughes, Melissa Fiore, Melissa Goldstein, Dennis Marasca, Brian Mahnken, Carl Hartford, Rich Wills, Jess Scanlon, Frank DiGiovanni, Fernando Marinho (6:15)

Guest: John Bavota(6:30), James Payne, Rob Elliott, Ray Robinson, Meghan Nagherian

**Directors Absent:** Blessing Chimwanda, Bo Brugel

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Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

**I. President:**

A. Welcome

Ray Robinson Head Coach of Abundant Life Middle School soccer team.  
Thanks WYSA for the use of Shawsheen for their home games.

Because of rain outs travel soccer ends 11/13/2021

**II. Secretary:**

- a. December meeting will approve September, October and November minutes

**III. VP of Development**

- A. Working on setting up PCD committee

**IV. Treasurer:**

- A. Motion TJ Lawrence second by Frank DiGiovanni to approve September 2021 and October 2021 financials passes 14-0-0

**V. VP of Admin:**

- A. WFC season ended 11/7/2021  
B. Research has begun for girls night out and hopefully good to go for March 2022  
C. Scholarship committee to be formed Feb 2022

**VI. Travel:**

- A. Email update
- B. Closing up uniform fulfillment issues.
- C. Opened HS program for Spring 2022 in SportsPilot
- D. Emailed HS players to announce registration opening
- E. Communicated with WHS AD to get registration information to coaches
- F. Worked with Town Crier and Wilmington Apple regarding publicity of Spring 2022 registration availability
- G. Confirmed group to lead HS PPEs (Scheduled for 11/13)
- H. Worked with coaches regarding crossover changes

**VII. Fundraising:**

- A. We will do a tree for the Festive of Trees

**VIII. Travel Refs:**

- A. Shortage of refs continues for multiple towns
- B. High School soccer games are playing which takes away some refs
- C. Coaches continue to be thrown out if games for harassing referees
- D. Players are getting more yellow cards this season for being disrespectful to the refs
- E. Payments will be processed this week for the refs

**IX. Intown**

- A. Email Update
- B. Fall Season Completed on 11/6 – well executed season, great numbers, great weather (only 1 rainout)
- C. Spring 2022 Registration open – 61 players 9 coaches registered as of 11/7
  - 1. Email sent to current intown players last week, will blast full membership this week
  - 2. Will put flyer in schools in the coming weeks and again in the late winter prior to late fee
- D. Will look to complete inventory prior to thanksgiving

**X. Intown Refs:**

- A. No update

- XI. Fields & Buildings:**
- A. Shack will be winterized 11/14/2021
  - B. New 7v7 and 11 v 11 nets are needed
  - C. Dumpster and porta potty will be removed
- XII. Merchandise:**
- A. Octobers and November sales are \$3,500
  - B. Sweatshirts and backpacks will be sold for Christmas.
- XIII. Concessions:**
- A. Closed 11/13/20
  - B. 75 pizzas were ordered this fall from Tremezo's
- XIV. Registrar:**
- A. Intown and winter PDP's are open
  - B. 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for WFC is open
- XV. Webmaster:**
- Working on getting better pictures for the web site.
- XVI. COVID Officer**
- A. No cases related to soccer. There were a few players who came in close contact in other places and did not play.
- XVII. Director of Coaching:**
- A. Email update
  - B. Provide updated Course schedule for United Soccer Coaches Grassroots and Licenses - <https://www.mayouthsoccer.org/coaches/upcoming-education-courses/> - Free Intro. Course and eLearning - <https://learning.usoccer.com/coach/> • HS Coach-Mentor Program Update
  - C. • Spring 22' - 3rd(Wednesdays) and 4th(Thursdays) Grade Travel Coach Education • Winter Indoor Leagues
  - D. • Saturday Nov. 13th - HS PPE's - AVSC Coaches + Raheem on deck to help evaluate - Pre-PPE meeting w/ Evaluators this week  
**Clinics:** • Fall PDPs - **78** registered
  - E. • WYSA Winter Futsal 22' - Session ONE starting January 9th, 2022 - **33** Registered - Boys and Girls Club Covid Protocols - Spectators and Masks

**Wildcats Football Club:**

- F. • WFC Junior Academy at DIS in Wilm. to generate interest for 2012s/2013s • Indoor Training at DIS in Wilm.

**XVIII. New Business:**

- A. AGM will be at the middle school 11/17 and masks are required.
- B. Talked with Essex about potentially playing in the league
  1. They had good technology
  2. They are going to talk to their Essex board to see if this is something they want to go forward

Policy changes for the High School travel program  
Recommendations from MYSL from the appeals process  
Offer refunds  
Modify appeal process  
Modified and updated the policy on the web site  
Realigned the grades with MYSL to grades 9 – 11 and 12+

The policy that was updated helped clarify what happens when you have 2 teams in the same division.

**Executive session**

**Motion** to go into executive session by Fernando Marinho. Second by TJ

Motion to end Executive Session by Fernando Marinho. Second by TJ Lawrence. Passes 12-0-0

Motion to Adjourn - Carl Hartford second by Melissa Fiore. Passes 12-0-0

**Next meeting:**

December 5th @ 6:00 PM @ 4th of July building

Respectfully submitted,

William Long  
Secretary