

April 2026 WYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

Board Members:

Rich Pereira

Dennis Marasca

~~Tristan Warburg~~

~~Brad Hazel Fookes~~

~~Melissa Fiore~~

Chris Montgomery

Matt Dorothy

Holly Fitzgerald

Josh Klein

Blessing Chimwanda

~~Robb Delleo~~

Kristen Menzone

Michael Vassalo

Joanne Nolin

~~Brian Mahnken~~

Crystal O'Keefe

Tess Landry

Michael Geldart

Adam Skelskie

Daniel Buckelew

Coaching and Development:

~~John Bavota~~

James Payne

**Sunday, March 29th @ 6pm
Wilmington Fourth of July Building**

Guest Speakers:

In attendance: Eric Morin, Jack Morin, Moris Lopez, Cael Considine, Kevin Considine, Joseph Mytych, John Pilcher, Dillan Roberts, David Roberts, Carmen Pugliese, Isaac Reyes, Joe Mytych, Melanie Mytych, Jay Pilcher, Kim Mytych, Leonardo Henriquez, Richard Thomas

Recap how previously, the Middlesex League of town directors met to see if high school teams from different towns could be put together to form a team. At first, Tewksbury would be the host team, but now Billerica is the host site. In January, Wilmington WYSA BOD voted to release players residing in Wilmington to join another town, and the vote was in favor of not releasing Wilmington resident players due to Wilmington having low numbers.

Kim Mytych reached out to Rich Pereira to discuss this issue. Kim brought this matter to the March 29th, 2026 board meeting on behalf of 8 high school Wilmington residents, 7 of whom attend Shawsheen Valley Technical High School and would like to play with their high school teammates. Kim spoke about how the team is a close-knit team.

Overview:

- Kim mentioned that in January, Mike G sent an email to Kim RE: WYSA players needed & the need for Tewksbury and Billerica to approve players
 - Mike clarified that in November, Tewksbury YS reached out RE: non-resident players
 - On January 8th Mike reached out and was told that Tewksbury will not be moving forward to host. Mike emailed the registration link with the update about Tewksbury not hosting.
 - On February 11th, Mike got a text from a family because they got a registration link from the Billerica director. Mike reached out to the Billerica director and did not receive a response for a few weeks.

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- The issue isn't about players rostering necessarily, but about rostering across leagues. Wilmington is in Essex, and Billerica is in Middlesex. Due to this, there is an extra step that needs to be taken in the registration process.
 - Rich brought this issue to Essex and the league commissioner for their input - Essex doesn't have an opinion either way, but Mike G is citing Mass Youth Soccer for guidance.
- Kim asked if the parents did the right thing RE: requesting the waiver.
- WYSA BOD will vote on the approval of the waiver during their executive session.

Executive Director Reports:

President: Rich Pereira

- Spring is approaching soon. Travel reports were updated on 3/29/26.
- Travel is set to start on the turf on April 11th. Hoping that games for travel are all away the first week of the season.
- In town start on 4/4/26

Secretary: Crystal O'Keefe

- Outstanding minutes from December, January, February, and March. Rich might have January and March minutes.

VP of Development: Blessing Chimwanda

- Scheduled the next PCD meeting.

Financials: Dennis Marasca

- CD at Salem 5 is maturing on 4/11/26. Start thinking about the next steps.
- Citizens has been slower to respond, but their rates increased. Next meeting should discuss moving money.
- Cleaner - increased prices from \$50/week to \$65/week.
 - They bring all the supplies to clean the bathrooms
 - They have not increased prices for a while
- The budget was approved in an email vote
- Question: Should we split WFC money by team instead of keeping it as a whole?
 - This was done previously, but would have to be done manually by Dennis

Motion to approve financials for December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026

Motioned by Dennis Marasca, 2nd by Crystal O'Keefe

The motion passes unanimously.

VP of Admin: Holly Fitzgerald

- Sent applications to the H.S. for scholarships. Have not received any applications yet

Board Reports:

Travel: Mike Geldart, Chair

- Season opens on 4/11/26
- Essex reached out to towns RE: field usage. Wilmington will be away on 4/11/26 besides 5 11v11 games at Yentile
- Appealed the 8th grade boys to move Titans down to MTOC 2
- HS uniforms came in for all teams and new player/replacement kits
- Essex coach meetings 1st and 2nd
 - If a coach does not attend, there could be a game suspension
- 2026-2027 travel registration is opening on April 27th on the new TeamSnap1
- PPEs are set for May 17th (Super Sunday) and the 18th-21st for weekday PPEs
 - Need to order 50 more reversible pinnies. Dennis will get a quote
 - 1-5 coaches scoring rubric will be implemented
- New kit through Protime Sports
 - A few more dollars more than Score
- Travel Policy - Adam worked on it. Adam sent it in an email, please review before the next meeting so there can be a vote.

In-town: Chris Montgomery, In-town coordinator

- Reviewed Spring registration numbers
 - Most 4 team rosters have 8-9 kids per team
 - Not all team have enough coaches
- Uniforms passed out at coaches meeting
- Score sent uniforms - just missing 85 pairs of red socks and some medium shorts
- Ordered 150 soccer balls
- All refs returned so no need for shirts, need some coaches shirts and patches
- Need help on opening day - April 11th from 7:45am - 8:15am

Fields and Buildings: Tess Landry, coordinator

- Permit: Yentile open but not grass fields
- Shawsheen is 90% set up
 - 9v9 on field 4 is terrible
 - New 7v7 and 9v9 nets will be replaced by John
 - Corner 7v7 post torn up. Kenny replaced it
 - Wheels for the nets are \$615 for one set.
 - Quote 6K for new nets, wheels and all
 - Acknowledged the need to get rid of the net graveyard
 - Roof vent is flashing and needs to be replaced
 - List & Found will be taken to savers
 - Ice packs are ordered
 - 13K on paint, Tess called to confirm this is the best price

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- Tess called for floor/garage sealing. A minimum job is quoted at \$3,500. For the 2 bathrooms & kitchen it would be about \$3,800. Possible add this to next year's budget.
- Mike G said a new router is needed.

Registration: Josh Klein

- New waiver for Mass Youth will be included with new registrations

Coaching and Development: James Payne

- Updated licenses were sent out
 - 5 intown coaches went to DIS clinic
- Futsol is over - only missed 1 week but it was a successful session. Lighter numbers in general
- 35 players for the April clinic registered
- PDPs starting
- More HS mentors would be helpful
- WFC - 3 wins, 3 losses this weekend by 5 teams (first weekend)
 - Spring ID clinics will run weekly & tryouts will be June 1st

Motion to move to executive session

Motion by Dennis Marasca, 2nd by Blessing Chimwanda

The motion passes unanimously

Motion to adjourn the April 2026 WYSA board meeting.

Motioned by Kristen Menzone, 2nd by Mike Geldart.

The motion passes unanimously.