

WYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

Board Members:

TJ Lawrence

Dennis Marasca

~~Tristan Warburg~~

Brad Hazel-Fookes

Michael Geldart

Adam Skelskie

Daniel Buckelew arrived at 8:40

Holly Fitzgerald arrived at 8:40

Josh Klein

Blessing Chimwanda

Richard Pereira arrived at 6:54

Melissa Fiore

~~Chris Montgomery~~

Brian Mahnken

Crystal O'Keefe

Tess Landry arrived at 6:14

~~Robb Delleo~~

Kristen Menzone

Michael Vassalo

Coaching and Development:

John Bavota

James Payne

**Sunday, February 2nd @ 6pm
Wilmington Fourth of July Building**

Executive Director Reports:

President: TJ Lawrence

- Dennis Ingram has contacted WYSA to inquire about what the program could use if an indoor sports facility were built in Wilmington.
- TJ is now on the WYSA bank account

Secretary: Crystal O'Keefe

- WYSA BOD meeting minutes from 1/5/2025 to be updated to reflect 3 boys teams for HS, not 2.

Motion to approve WYSA January Meeting minutes as updated.

Motioned by Crystal O'Keefe, 2nd by Brian Mahnken.

The motion passes unanimously.

VP of Administration: Holly Fitzgerald

- Currently looking into hosting a Girls Night event.
 - Last girls night out information from Brian included:
 - Girl players and coaches in attendance
 - TJ has sent Holly an email with some information
 - Brian will send an email with contacts
 - Looking for a date in April
- In-town and travel Coaches meeting on March 26th at Shawsheen cafe

VP of Development: Brian Mahnken

- Five of the six scholarships have been awarded. One is currently outstanding because the transcript has not been received yet.
- Tristan will post on the website that the scholarships have been sent.

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Motion to approve the proposed PCD Committee as outlined below:

Motioned by Brian Mahnken, 2nd by Mike Geldart.

- **Brian Mahnken** - Vice President of Development, Committee Chairperson
- **John** - Director of Coaching (DOC)
- **James** - Assistant Director of Coaching (ADOC)
- **Adam** - One Member of the WYSA Travel Committee
- **Dan** - One Member of the WYSA Intown Committee
- Up to three "at large" members from the WYSA membership
 - **Marc Brodeur** [Intown/Travel parent & coach, Kids: 2nd Grade Boy and 3rd Grade Girl]
 - **Kaitlyn Austin** [Intown/Travel parent & coach, Kids: 1st Grade Girl, 3rd Grade Boy, and 7th Grade Girl]
 - **Dan Murphy** [Travel parent & coach, Kids: 3rd and 5th Grade Girls]

The motion passes unanimously.

PCD Committee focus this year:

- Ways to get kids ready for HS.
- How to help prepare coaches to help the players
- 3-4 meetings will take place before the end of the season.
- WYSA BOD members can attend PCD meetings

PURPOSE: the PCD committee makes suggestions to BOD for implementation

Treasure: Dennis Marasca

2024 Yearly Review:

- Income statement is cash-in/cash-out, but the filings for the accountant files are based on accrual.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- WFC revenue of 179K brought in and blew the budget away
 - An increased number of players and tuition also increased this year
 - More expenses
- 15K in field paint from Pioneer Athletics was ordered
 - TJ questioned how the town accounts for the amount of paint they use when lining the field.
- 32,500 in surplus - 7,000 still needs to be sent to DIS and coaches need reimbursements
- Aim for around 20K surplus wanted

Motion to approve the 2024 financial reports

Motioned by Dennis Marasca, 2nd by Adam Skelskie.

The motion passes unanimously.

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2025 Budget Proposal:

- Idea is to have each division of WYSA stay within the total line amount listed.
- Surplus budget of 8K planned

Motion to approve the 2025 budget proposal

Motioned by Dennis Marasca, 2nd by Melissa Fiore.

The motion passes unanimously.

Updates:

- TJ is on the Salem 5 bank account
- Working with Citizen Bank to pull the CD
 - It would be \$58.00 to “break” the CD
- 1099s filed electronically via Quickbooks for WFC coaches.
- W2s for John and James in the portal

FYI: the audit threshold for Massachusetts was raised to a million dollars.

Board Reports:

Travel: Mike Geldart, Chair

- Travel Updates
 - Four high school teams are ready
 - Brad will order uniforms
 - 5 of the 8 HS players turn 18 midseason so they will need to do safesport.
 - PG girl will most likely play for another town because she is the only PG girl. We might need to refund her for the uniform if she gets one from another town.
 - There have been 5 mid-year registrations
 - 2 boys were added to 3rd grade rosters
 - Spring charts will be done later this week
- Dates to note:
 - The beginning of the season is on Saturday, April 12th
 - no high school games Easter weekend
 - Final weekend is June 8th
 - Jamboree weekend June 14-15
 - Playoff week June 15-18
 - MTOC June 27- 29
- Town director meeting coming up
- New uniform design will be looked at with the contacts at Score
 - Can also look at other companies
 - Wegotsoccer
 - soccer.org

In-town: Daniel Buckelew, In-town coordinator

- *Registrations*

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- 428 players and 63 coaches registered
 - 100 players less than 2024 end of season but in-town still expects a few more registrations to come through
 - Need to encourage PK/K girls - only around 40 girls
 - 75 PK/K boys registered
- Area of focus: securing coaches
- Committees in-town members have joined:
 - PCD - Danny
 - Travel Sub - Chris
- *Rosters*
 - Chris will work with John and TJ to iron out the numbers - March 15th is the expected completion date for teams to be finalized
 - All rankings have been received from the coaches besides 2 of the first grade teams - Chris has reached out to those coaches
- *Uniforms*
 - Inventory is done
 - The numbers of items is low so an order will be placed
 - WYSA will no longer be ordering XS jerseys

Fundraising & Sponsorship: Richard Pereira, coordinator

- Rich is working with Nick from the Revs to set a Wilmington Youth Soccer night
- Spring 3v3 tournament will be May 3rd or 4th in the afternoon or evenings
- Planning a coach appreciation night for travel coaches at Open Iron or at Treehouse
- Parents Night Out will be Casino Themes on May 9th or May 10th - waiting on a date from the venue
- Registration rate will be voted on in the next meeting. This new rate will be locked in for the next 3 years. Surrounding towns have a higher tuition than WYSA.

Fields and Buildings: Tess Landry, coordinator

- Tess reached out to all the vendors to introduce herself and find out about pricing.
 - Field permits are free
 - \$250 to turn on water
 - Portapotty price is TBD
- Steve O'Neil will donate time to paint the bathrooms/clubhouse.
 - Need:
 - 5 gallons of white, aprox \$500
 - 5 gallons of blue paint, aprox \$500
 - epoxy, aprox \$200
 - Tess will attempt to get the paint donated
- Permits have been submitted for practices
 - Whitfield
 - M-F 3pm - 8pm
 - Saturday & Sunday 8am - 7pm
 - Shawsheen

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- Monday - Sunday 8am - 8pm
- Yentile
 - Saturdays 8am - 5pm
 - Monday - Thursday 4 - 6pm and 8 - 10pm
 - Space is limited because WYLA has first preference
- Shawsheen Cafe for coaches meeting on March 26th 6-9pm

Concessions & Uniform: Brad Hazel-Fookes, coordinator

- Ordered new BOD uniforms
- HS players had some conflicts in chosen numbers for their uniforms. Once that is rectified, uniforms will be ordered

Sportsmanship: Robb Delleo, coordinator

- No updates.

Webmaster:

- No updates

Registrar: Josh Klein

- No updates

WFC & Beyond TOPS: Blessing Chimwanda, coordinator

- Develop a committee for WFC
- TOPS fundraiser on April 11th - Comedy night at the Tewksbury Elks
 - \$300/table
 - Let Blessing know if you are interested in going

Coaching and Development: John Bavota, technical director

Coach Education

- ECYSA/MYS run a free coaches clinic. John is interested in hosting one possibly at Yentile
- March 29th in-town coaches clinic
- John is looking to change session plan design for coaches pre-session meetings.

Clinics & Programs

- Winter futsal session 1 wrapping up
- Few spots open for 2nd session
- 4/14 - 4/17 April clinic opening up this week
- Coach Tim wants to run a striker and goal keeper PDP

WFC

- Coach Lindsey moving out of the country - Coach Tim will be taking over.
- DIS on Fridays will be used for intrasquad scrimmage
- ID clinics will be run 4/21 for future players
- Charles says we should get Tracer for WFC

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- Would create an upcharge for WFC families (\$140/family for up to 4 accounts)
- 2 teams would share 1 camera
- The VEO cam does not have an additional fee to families

Board Reports:

New Business:

Sports Complex

- Dennis Ingram reached out - they are moving forward with plans
 - 2 rinks
 - 3,500 sq ft turf area (9v9)
 - Dennis wants to know what WYSA would like to use it for - TJ will reach back out.

Dual Grade Travel

- WYSA reviewed surrounding towns and their policy
- WYSA discussed the winning records, if we should develop a preference policy, how mixed teams could help place based on skill, single age with older kids creates drastic skill gap, the preparation for HS playing
- WYSA will seek membership feedback
- A written policy will be developed to be voted on.

Motion to move to executive session at 8:40 pm

Motioned by Blessing Chimwanda, 2nd by Mike Geldart.

The motion passes unanimously.

WYSA received an email from Scott Neville from the "Yes for Wilmington Schools" committee. He is requesting that on Saturday September 13th WYSA has limited soccer activity in the morning due to the town vote. The town vote is for the new K-5 school which would directly affect membership. WYSA BOD will take this request into consideration and vote at a later date.

Motion to adjourn February 2nd, WYSA board meeting at 8:54 pm.

Motioned by Crystal O'Keefe, 2nd by Josh Klein.

The motion passes unanimously.