

Wisconsin Rapids Kickers Board Meeting Minutes - 7/22/25

Meeting Called to order: 6:09 by Megan

Attendees: Megan, Karen, Mike, Brian, Malissa, Clarissa, Stephanie, Rae, Darin, Rachel, Troi,
Not in attendance: Phil, Larrie,

Review last board meeting minutes: [WR Kickers Board Meeting Minutes 5_21_2025.docx](#)

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Rae and seconded by Mike. The motion passed.

President Updates: Megan

- Side Line Project Update
 - Working with the company to fix a user issue that was not counting users correctly
 - Will “catch up” new spring families this fall, once the issue is fixed
- CWSL HS SSL
 - Megan is running a Girls High School soccer training this summer
 - It is outside of our club but registered through our club to get WYSA registration
 - Fees cover registration so there is o cost to our club
 - Approximately 20 girls from MCU, Rhinelander, PCYS, Assumption, Amherst and Rapids
- Closed session (two topics)
 - A motion was made to go into closed session by Megan, and seconded by Mike
 - State league U18 -
 - Megan has had several parent complaints about coaching issues:
 - Concerns were raised about putting players on a team without tryouts in previous years
 - Concerns were raised that the coaches tried to use a U19 game as a try out session
 - Another D license coach from another team has resigned because of interactions with the coach
 - A ref has been repeatedly questioned (after game, at another game, at the grocery stores) about a call made during a game, even though the team won the bracket
 - Issues at the tryout night with behavior of a coach toward the evaluators and one person left due to the behavior of the coach.
 - Coach won't allow players to sub on other Rapids teams when needed, even if the player and family want to help out.
 - After much discussion, the board decided to send the coach in question a letter outlining specific issues that were raised and reiterating the club's mission statement. The coach will be informed that further issues will result with them being removed from the team and the club. The coach will be invited to attend the next board meeting to discuss further, if they so choose.
 - As a result of the discussion it was recommended that we update bylaws to say the club/board will pick all tryout dates. Coaches can run tryouts but only get 1 coaches pick - no other say in scoring/choice unless there are kids with close scores.

- U11C team - there have been a few concerns raised about this team:
 - Practices are chaotic and kids aren't focused on the drills
 - Kids are not progressing and are regularly losing by large margins
 - Kids are missing fundamental skills, i.e. they don't know how to do throw ins at U11
 - A suggestion was made to keep Lewis with younger team U10, and Mellot with team U12 - try to find parents to help with practices (get SafeSport but not necessarily coaching license)
 - After further discussion with the coaches, they would like to continue to coach together for both teams. The board discussed this via email and agreed with some mentoring and feedback from other coaches, both coaches would remain with both teams.
- A motion was made to go back to open session by Megan, and second by Mike. The motion passed.
- Vice President Updates: Mike
 - Mike is willing to donate new Kickers banners/signs for the fences to replace the worn out banners.
 - Megan will work with Mike on updated info for the signs
- Secretary update: Rachel
 - Nothing to report
- Communications Director Updates: Phil
 - None reported
- Treasurer Updates: Larrie
 - None reported
- Registration Updates: Karen
 - Uniform Updates
 - Try on date of 7/29 from 5:30-7:30
 - The samples will be kept at Rapids Sign if families can't attend on 7/29
 - The company provides a video to show how to measure for the best fit
 - Both boys and girls shorts will be available
 - Uniforms need to be ordered by first week of August to arrive in time for the MCU tournament
 - Fall Teams 2025 (shared topic with Brian)
 - Coed
 - U18 state league- 17 players
 - U13/U14 - 15 players - Johnson/Fickey
 - U12 - 11 players - Mellott/Lewis
 - U11 - 11 players - need a coach/Berkhauer
 - U10 - 12 players - Mellott/Lewis
 - U9 - 10 players (8 boys/2 girls) - need a coach/assistant
 - Girls

- U19 - 14 players (may gain up to 4 more from MCU) - Bickelhaupt/Hall
 - U15/16 - 16 players - Schuerman/Barker
 - U13/14 - 14 players - Kandler/Hellner
 - U12 - 13 players - Shaw/Hannenman
 - U11/10 - 11 players - Romanski/Crowley
 - These are the teams for fall and will likely change in spring due to registration numbers. They will change again next fall due to the WYSA birth date rule change.
 - A motion was made to approve the rosters as presented by Troi and seconded by Stephanie. The motion passed.
 - Academy/mini kickers registration opened yesterday- 6 registrations so far
- Director of Player Development: Brian
 - Nothing else to report
- Director of Coaching: Darin
 - Nothing else to report
- Tournament Director: Malissa
 - Malissa submitted her resignation letter to the board. The board thanked her for her time and service to the club.
- Volunteer Coordinators: Troi and Clarissa
 - Reviewed the families with unfulfilled tournament hours
 - After discussion, Troi and Clarissa will work with the few remaining families on buy outs or alternative volunteer hours
- Concessions Coordinator: Stephanie
 - Concessions will be open for uniform try on night - candy, soda and shirts
- Referee Assignor: Rae
 - Next summer will be last year Rae's last year in the position.
- Academy Director: Vacant
 - Eric Mellot will run the Academy again this fall. All of the dates are set for September thru October

Next meeting: Sunday, September 7th at 6:00pm - East Junior High School

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Malissa and seconded by Rachel. The motion passed.