

NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2016

Present: Frank Petrilli, Ken DeGennaro, Heinz Schroeder, Mike Small, Jordan Flavell-Boney, Rich Fleury and Amy Ibrahimaj

Motion to open the meeting at 8:05pm made by Mike Small, 2nd by Heinz Schroeder.

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting as written made by Ken DeGennaro, 2nd by Jordan Flavell-Boney, all in favor, minutes approved.

Baseball: Mike Small reported the turnout at registration was about 95 kids as follows:

28 : t-ball, 23 – 1/2 grade (2 teams), 22 – 3/4 grade (2 teams), 11 – 5 /6 grade (1 team) and 12 – 7 /8 grade (1 team). Norwood 7 /8 grade team may only have 5 -6 boys but that could be too many for us to take as it would make our team too big. We don't want to completely push them away as we may need their help next year if we are in the same situation.

All teams/coaches have been decided with few issues and all are resolved. Mike spoke with Peter at Sportstime and is looking at a new jersey, pants and socks combo for around \$44. He would like for recreation to pay for the hats with a commemorative "patch" for the centennial and will look at the cost and budget to see if it's doable.

Mike is still debating with Mayor and Council about purchasing a new sign for field 4 at Hogan's or enclosing the batting cages which would be utilized by boys and girls of all ages. He may look to sponsorship or fundraising for this specific expenditure.

Mike also cleared it with the Mayor and Council that he can "legally" be our baseball commissioner and the council liaison as long as he only votes in one capacity, not both.

Softball: Jordan Flavell-Boney reported about 64 girls signed up, solid throughout the levels. They are hoping to have a website by February 10, 2016 for softball that would include the schedules for the season. She said they are bringing back the tournaments in June for all levels.

Jordan and Diane are working on changing the uniforms to blue and gold (yellow) if enough parents are okay to buy another one and move from the maroon color. The scheduling meeting for all coaches will be in March.

Rifle: Heinz Schroeder reported that new kids are starting January 25, 2016. The advanced kids switched to Mondays alternating with Jr. Rifle club. He decided to not hold his signups in January and wants to change the program to sign up in June and begin in September and run through June to follow the school calendar. The regular shooting season is also September – June so it will match with that as well.

Soccer: Ken DeGennaro reported that indoor soccer is going well. The numbers are the same as last year. The 1 /2 girls are not getting the playing time they need to improve so they may hold scrimmages with the Old Tappan 1 /2 girls for more practice time without the boys.

The referee pool of kids is small and we need to work on getting more kids involved and refereeing.

Meatheads: Amy Ibrahimaj read an email from Fran Weston regarding conditions under which Meatheads could continue as our snack bar vendor. They included:

1. They will need a food license issued.
2. They will need to be inspected by the Board of Health at both locations.
3. They will need to attend a Food Handler's Class.

Mike Small said he can try to schedule games to help them, ie. 2-3 games on one night instead of only having 1 game each night. Discussion followed about asking Meatheads to at least be open for drinks and snacks if they didn't want to open with hot foods. We also decided to ask them for a flat fee of \$1000 for the three seasons (baseball/softball, summer basketball and outdoor soccer) instead of splitting profits after each one. Amy said she would contact Wanda Worner about getting a formal letter out to them to finalize things.

New Business: Mike Small found an online concussion training course and wants to make it mandatory for all baseball coaches and try to get first aid training from our ambulance corps. Jordan Flavell-Boney will also put it out there for softball coaches to comply.

Motion to close the meeting made by Rich Fleury, 2nd by Ken DeGennaro – meeting closed at 9:00pm.