

## NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

Present: Kari Sedano, Ken DeGennaro, Dave Uglione, Joe McGuire, Heinz Schroeder, Vinnie Grillo, Jordan Flavell-Boney and Amy Ibrahimaj

Council liaison: Lou DeLisio

Also present: John Briguglio

Motion to open the meeting at 8:10pm made by Dave Uglione, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken DeGennaro.

Introductions were made to welcome our new Council Liaison, Lou DeLisio... WELCOME! We look forward to working with you!

Motion to approve the minutes as written for the meeting of January 17, 2017 made by Ken DeGennaro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vinnie Grillo, all in favor, motion passed, minutes approved.

**Coach's Clinic:** Kari Sedano reported that the Rutgers Safety Clinic class went well. 13 people from town took the class and are already fingerprinted, mainly parents of younger children and coaches' wives. Kari took the instructor's class and just needs to take the test to be able to teach it to others. Once certified, she plans on offering the class 3 times a year.

John Briguglio was introduced as the person Vinnie Grillo would like to become the assistant baseball commissioner.

Motion to have John Briguglio as assistant baseball commissioner made by Heinz Schroeder, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe McGuire, all in favor, motion passed, John is the assistant baseball commissioner. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Rifle:** Heinz Schroeder reported nothing new. Moving registration to June has been working well for them this year. Kari Sedano asked if adults could go to the range and shoot. Heinz said it is not part of the recreation program and would be considered a separate issue that would have to go through the adult club.

**Soccer:** Ken DeGennaro reported about one month left in the season. There have been some issues with the condition of the gym and he is trying to work with parents and coaches to do better to keep it clean and not use items in the gym that the school doesn't want us to use. Some of the new goals came missing pieces and he has gotten some of the items. Ken wants to get them set up to use for the rest of the season. Playoffs begin March 12<sup>th</sup> at Nathan Hale (Northvale School) and the finals are the following weekend at NVOT.

**Basketball:** Dave Uglione reported one month to go. Some teams have struggled but they have improved and are playing better. He was told the week of March 6-11<sup>th</sup> is now a black out week at the Northvale School gym so this will create conflicts with games scheduled that week. He will check with the school about it. BSAC runs the Saturday clinic and all has been good, everyone likes how they run it.

Moving forward, Dave needs to figure out a way to keep younger siblings off the court or out of the gym as they keep running around. He is thinking about an initial email about it at the beginning of the season next year. Dave also has had delays getting checks for his referee assignor, BSAC coaches and the donation to NVOT in a timely manner and it is becoming a problem. He is hoping it will be resolved soon.

Summer basketball will have signups in late March/early April as he has to have teams assigned by the first week of May. Two teams last summer had college kids coach them and it went really well. We paid them and may look to recruit more to coach more teams. Dave is thinking he may have to up the fee charged to parents for registration. Last year we charged \$75 and that is the lowest in all four towns.

**Softball:** Jordan Flavell-Boney reported the breakdown of teams :

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> has 24 kids split to 2 teams

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> has 17 kids staying as 1 team

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> has 17 kids trying to split to 2 teams

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> has 14 kids staying as 1 team

Cut off for registration is March 1<sup>st</sup> and the scheduling meeting for games is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Stores are open and sent to coaches to forward to their teams. Rich Fleury can send a recreation email blast with the store links as well.

**Baseball:** Vinnie Grillo reported the uniform/sizing night was set up to help eliminate switching uniform sizes last minute. February 28<sup>th</sup> is when the baseball stores close. He is ordering T-shirts for T-Ball. There are 36 kids signed up for T-Ball and they will be split into 3 teams. The rest of the teams breakdown as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> has 24 kids split to 2 teams

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> has 25 kids split to 2 teams

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> has 18 kids and will do a rotation of the boys to fill 2 teams (will try and keep better players at the bottom of the lineup for the second team in an effort to not “stack” the teams)

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> has 3 kids only and they are being placed on a team from Harrington Park for the season.

There is talk about keeping the mask mandatory for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and optional for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Vinnie will talk to the other town commissioners to see about making it a league rule as well.

Softball has the heart guard as a recommendation and the face mask is mandatory for pitchers and corner positions.

**Opening Day:** Set for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Vinnie Grillo has been talking with Rob DeBrino about doing a homerun derby for the coaches and/or kids. Rob may also get the blowup pitching machine again and DJ. John Briguglio would like to find a dunk tank to make some extra money that day. Mike McElduff has requested that the PHR (pitch, hit and run program) be run that day as well. Sunday was a possibility for the PHR event if we couldn't get it going for opening day.

Discussion about having a parade, just walking around Hogan's field or something else ensued. Discussion about who could throw out the first pitch was had, with Rob DeBrino and the Rockland Boulders Mascot coming up as possible choices. We also talked about having the Callahan's hot dog truck and/or an ice cream truck there too.

**Snack Shack:** Kari Sedano reported that the snack shack will be open for light snacks, hot dogs and drinks for all games and possibly practices as well. She wants to schedule a “clean up day” for the snack shack to get it ready. Kari is willing to pay teenagers from the high school to work the snack bar as long as they are at least 16 years old and have working papers. They would be paid for a 2 hour shift.

**Other Business:** Amy Ibrahimaj showed a fundraising email to everyone that was sent to recreation with some ideas. Kari reported that Fran Weston sent out the renewal letters for the banner program. She asked if we could follow up in person with businesses in town.

Kari will be doing a walk through with DPW to check on the fields and dugouts to see what needs to be done to get ready for our season.

Kari has an idea of giving all coaches a binder at the beginning of each season to help them stay organized. It will include a roster with parent contact info, information important to your sport (ie. referee/umpire info, program director contact info), rules of the game, codes of conduct reminders and directions to fields.

She also said the snack bar will have “home made” ice packs ready to use, maybe even have team dugout moms make and bring some to each game/practice.

Kari and Ken DeGennaro have come up with a fun “moms and sons battle soccer showdown” girls vs. boys on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Northvale School gym. Ken DeGennaro will be the boys coach and Peg DeGennaro will be the girls coach with their daughters refereeing! Pizza will be served afterwards and it is open to all recreation kids. Amy Ibrahimaj reminded them that we should have a waiver form available that night for parents to sign.

Amy Ibrahimaj presented a copy of the new proposed bylaws to everyone, along with a copy of the current bylaws to review and be ready to discuss/vote on at the next recreation meeting.

Kari clarified that the new volleyball clinic will not have its own line item, all money generated will go into the general fund for recreation.

Motion to close the meeting made by Vinnie Grillo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heinz Schroeder - meeting closed at 9:36pm.