

**NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2017**

Present: Kari Sedano, Dave Uglione, Heinz Schroeder, Vinnie Grillo, John Briguglio, Rich Fleury, Jordan Flavell-Boney and Amy Ibrahimaj
Council Liaison: Lou DeLisio

Motion to open the meeting at 8:08pm made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Vinnie Grillo.

Motion to approve the minutes for the February 21, 2017 as written made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Heinz Schroeder, all in favor, minutes passed.

New By-laws and Forms: Kari Sedano reminded everyone that at our last meeting we proposed new by-laws and asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding them. A question came up about the objective of "equal play time" when there is no effort or practice time on the part of the child. Discussion about how best to give the coaches some leeway with this resulted in an addition to the "parents and participants code of conduct" to include this sentence as one of the bullet points:

"I understand that playing time will be based on the effort, attitude and commitment I give to my team and my coach and not based on my skill level."

Another question and subsequent discussion came up for the by-laws pertaining to the first paragraph under Article II resulting in the following change:

FROM: "The Northvale Recreation Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) Northvale or Rockleigh residents who will serve as Chairperson (herein called "NRC"), Secretary, Program Commissioner and Assistant Program Commissioner of the following Recreation activities: Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Soccer and Jr. Rifle Range."

TO: "The Northvale Recreation Committee shall consist of at least seven (7) Northvale or Rockleigh residents each of which will serve in one of the following capacities: Chairperson (herein called "NRC"), Secretary, Program Commissioner and Assistant Program Commissioner of the following Recreation activities: Baseball, Softball, Basketball, Soccer and Jr. Marksmanship."

Motion to approve the proposed by-laws with the changes outlined above made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Rich Fleury, all in favor, motion passed.

As for the other forms proposed, the "Selecting Coaches and Drafting Teams" form Heinz Schroeder asked that we add "NRA Rifle Instructor (Jr. Marksmanship instructors only)" to the list of required certifications listed on the form.

More discussion about this form ensued, trying to alleviate the wording with the selection process of coaches and Kari Sedano said she would rework this one to present at our next meeting. She did mention that all head coaches will be getting a binder at the beginning of each season with the rules of that sport printed out, codes of conduct forms, rosters and players/parents contact information as well as contact information for recreation committee members pertinent to their sport.

The "Complaint Form" and "Coaches Code of Conduct" forms were all okay. The "Parents and Participants Code of Conduct" form needs the extra bullet point outlined above added to it. Rich Fleury asked about online registration and whether we were doing anything to move forward with it. He will check with Raffi Jamgotchian about adding the other sports to the online registration

process they use for soccer now but that still doesn't include payments. Amy Ibrahimaj said she would look into the paperless pto website again and Vinnie Grillo will look at merchant services to possibly add to Raffi's site.

Baseball: Vinnie Grillo reported that more kids keep signing up for t-ball. Opening day is set for April 22, 2017 and he is looking to have cotton candy, a dunk tank, blow up pitching machine (from Rob DeBrino) and Callahan's hot dog truck there. The hot dog truck can be rented for \$1000 with unlimited hot dogs, fries and drinks or a cart for \$500 with no fries. All in all, it is looking like opening day can run about \$1750 in costs.

Motion to use our recreation funds to pay for opening day costs unless we can get sponsors and/or money from the Mayor and Council or any other source made by Dave Uglione, 2nd by Heinz Schroeder, all in favor, motion passed.

Kari mentioned that we need a new refrigerator in the snack shack. The old one belonged to Recreation and not the town so we can buy a new one. Clean up day for the snack shack is scheduled for April break after DPW power washes the building.

Softball: Jordan Flavell-Boney reported that she is meeting with the league this week and the scheduling meeting is set for March 28, 2017. Today is the last day uniforms could be ordered. In the league, there are between 7 and 10 teams per level except for the 7th/8th grade with only 3 teams. They are looking to include Tenafly, Oradell and Park Ridge for pickup games instead of bringing them into the league. New equipment was ordered and bags have been put together and packed up for each team.

Rifle: Heinz Schroeder reported no changes, all is good!

Basketball: Dave Uglione reported that the winter season will finish this week. B-Sac finished the clinic in Norwood to avoid conflicts with the gym in Northvale. The summer league has a meeting Thursday night and he is anticipating fees going up if the referees want higher fees. As of now it costs \$900 per team for the season. If extra teams are added it may go up to \$1050 per team. Dave says for the summer it works to have larger number of kids per team as many families go away during the summer and doing this ensures you always have enough players.

He is anticipating raising our registration fee to parents to \$100 so as to not lose money. Dave likes having the college kids coach and many are coming back but he does pay them each \$300 for the summer. He is looking to have sign ups the 1st week of April as he needs teams set by 2nd week of May to submit to the league.

Soccer: Rich Fleury reported that the indoor season is over. 1st/2nd playoffs went well, 3rd/4th had one team reach the semi-finals, 5th/6th had one team at the quarter final stage and 7th/8th had some issues but all resolved. The number of girls signed up was lighter across the board compared to last year. He said the league is looking to see how PVISL and rec can work together better.

Using our town youth referees is good but they need to be better trained and more confident in their calls. The goals at the school were missing parts and will be returned.

Pitch, Hit and Run: Amy Ibrahimaj reported that the MLB Pitch, Hit and Run is scheduled for May 13, 2017 from 3:30pm – 5:00pm at Hogan's field. Rob DeBrino will also be hosting the MLB Jr. Homerun derby for us at the same time.

Other Business: Kari Sedano mentioned that the school will let us use the skin field in the back of the school for t-ball and 1st/2nd grade softball. She just has to go in and fill out the forms. We will have the field Monday – Thursday after 5:00pm and Saturday mornings.

Motion to close the meeting made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Jordan Flavell-Boney – meeting closed at 9:51pm.