

**NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

Present: Rich Fleury, Heinz Schroeder, Brandon Giordano, Jordan Flavell-Boney, John Briguglio, Vinnie Grillo and Amy Ibrahimaj

Council Liaison: Tom Argiro

Others present: Enzo DiMaria, Rich Gutschmidt

Motion to open the meeting at 8:14pm made by Jordan Flavell-Boney, 2nd by Vinnie Grillo.

Motion to approve the minutes as written for the January 8, 2019 meeting made by John Briguglio, 2nd by Vinnie Grillo, all in favor, minutes approved.

Soccer: Rich Fleury reported that indoor soccer has gone well, only a few games left. Teams were evenly matched although some struggled with numbers with teams too big for one but not enough to break up into two. It was mentioned that someone posted on Facebook that T-ball seemed more organized than soccer.

Basketball: Brandon Giordano reported about two weeks to go in the season. He asked if any payments had been made on open invoices and Amy Ibrahimaj said she would check on it. February 14th was the Valentine's Day Bowl with a game between the 5th/6th grade boys and girls, boys' team won, lots of fun was had by all!

Baseball: Vinnie Grillo reported they had just finished their uniform sizing night along with softball. Registration is complete but open now with late fees. They have their league meeting the end of March. The league coordinator quit, not sure who is taking over. The "Knights" travel team is open as well. John Briguglio wants to see the registration numbers by the end of February and if not high enough send email reminders every 3 days for registration. Brandon commented he has trouble with the recreation emails and questioned if there is an easier way to link with community pass and see all the information without having to log in.

Opening day is scheduled for April 27th but games will have started before then. Same activities as last year, possibly charge a fee for the homerun derby to add to the fundraising. Discussion about how to run the snack shack again included: assigning people for a shift, assigning teams like last year and hope volunteers come, only three keys are out so a keyholder always has to open but volunteers can close up and lock on their own, how to combat cancelled games if your team was assigned the snack bar and other games are still going on.

Amy Ibrahimaj wants to hold a parent meeting either in March or April before the start of the season to get parents to volunteer for shadowing and learning positions, snack bar and/or coaching. She will plan a night and look to hold it at the school.

The question about the number of 7th/8th grade boys signing up for Knickerbockers came up as numbers have been very low the past few years. We will combine with another town if our numbers are too low for a team of our own. Vinnie said he will be running the MLB Pitch, Hit and Run program this year, looking to see if Rob DeBrino will help again.

Softball: Jordan Flavell-Boney reported their league meeting was last week with another one coming up. Numbers are low so far with registrations. Their scheduling meeting is March 28th. Last year playoff games were chosen by picking teams randomly, this year they are secretly keeping stats and ranking the teams based on win/loss record but not letting the girls know the ranking. The playoffs are scheduled for the weekend on June 13/14. Tenafly is hosting a tournament in May for 7th/8th grade teams. They are hoping after uniform night a few more people will be registering.

Jr. Marksmanship: Heinz Schroeder reported all is good. The season runs until June with sign ups for next year on June 17th at the range at 7:30pm. The program is run for kids aged 11-18 years old.

Adult Softball: Enzo DiMaria reported they are half way to their goal of 6 teams/90 players so far with registrations. He is looking for fields to hold games but wants to keep most in Northvale. Harrington Park recreation said we could use their field for a fee; Tom Argiro said most towns charge something like \$25 per use with a cap of \$250 for the season. Daylight savings could help in adding Friday night games when the sun sets later.

Other Business: Tom Argiro talked about his involvement with the Borough Engineer to come up with a plan of improving our fields and then working with the town to get the Open Space grant approved and voted in. A grant was received for the basketball courts at Hogan's Park to be redone, looking to painting it blue/white/grey/yellow... whatever recreation wants.

John Briguglio asked about the banners at Hogan's and if we were doing them again. Amy said she knew that Fran Weston was sending out renewal letters this week but if we knew of anyone that wanted one to let her know. This money goes to a general fund for recreation to be used for bigger purchases or if a sport needed extra money.

Amy Ibrahimaj said she will ask Alma Giordano to post the codes of conduct on our community pass page but will probably look to the Borough website to have the bylaws posted.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:58 pm made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Brandon Giordano.