

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

Present: Brandon Giordano, Jordan Flavell-Boney, John Briguglio, Vinnie Grillo, Nicole Cowley, and Amy Ibrahimaj

Council Liaison: Tom Argiro

Others present: Enzo DiMaria, Rich Gutschmidt

Motion to open the meeting at 8:05pm made by Brandon Giordano, 2nd by Vinnie Grillo.

Motion to approve the minutes as written for the February 19, 2019 meeting made by John Briguglio, 2nd by Vinnie Grillo, all in favor, minutes approved.

Basketball: Brandon Giordano reported that the season is almost over. There is no gym time this week due to the middle school play. Summer basketball wants sign ups now as team rosters are due May 1st. 1st/2nd grade ended well, BSAK did a great job! Possible 2nd grade summer clinic depending on sign ups; Brandon will contact another town to see about games (boys and girls split).

Baseball: John Briguglio and Vinnie Grillo reported that sign ups are finished with the following breakdown:

T-ball : 3 teams

1/2 : 2 teams

3/4 : 2 teams

5/6 : 2 teams

7/8 : 14 kids – 1 team

Rich Gutschmidt asked if knickerbockers is still under recreation and asked how coaches are selected... Vinnie responded that knickerbockers are still part of recreation and coaches are picked out of who signs up to coach and past experience. It was also explained that the league rules now only allow three coaches on the field during games but as many as the head coach wants during practice time. More discussion followed.

DPW is scheduled to work on the fields soon, hopefully we will be on the fields sooner than last year if the weather holds up. Tarps are on delivery to help out during the season.

Softball: Nicole Cowley reported they have a low number of sign ups:

13 girls 1/2 level

22 girls (two teams) 3/4 level

10 girls 5/6 level

9 girls 7/8 level

They have a league meeting tomorrow night. Coach Landeck and the OT softball players have a free clinic for coaches, parents and girls to go over drills etc. April break they also have a week long clinic at the high school. There is a softball store open for swag.

Two travel teams are available if the girls are interested, the Renegades (less competitive) and the Vipers (more competitive), both teams looking to up their programs. "Speed dating" meeting set for March 28th.

Fundraising is still being considered, Applebee's breakfast is in the works and another possibility is selling coupon books from Dick's.

Adult softball: Enzo DiMaria reported there is one week left for sign ups, so far 65 people with 11-12 people per team and he will order 2 extra shirts per team in case of late sign ups. May 5th is opening day,

may push games later to begin after the fire department. He will ensure players and coaches know the rules and that umpires will be there for all games.

Other business: Amy Ibrahimaj reported she wants to hold a mandatory parent meeting on April 10th at the Northvale Public school at 7:00pm before their PTO meeting. Our meeting will last about 30 minutes and if all the sports directors can be there we will also hold our monthly meeting then and cancel the April 16th meeting.

Motion to close the meeting at 9:06pm made by Vinnie Grillo, 2nd by Nicole Cowley.