

Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes May 16th, 2023

Present: Matt Connelly, Alexis Connelly, Sarah Kirch, Krissy Mueller, Debbie Smith, Heinz Schroeder, Ken DeGennaro (8:20pm - Brandon Giordano)

Councilman: Tom Argiro

Others Present: none

Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from March 14th, 2023 meeting. Motion made by Ken DeGennaro; seconded by Matt Connelly. Motion approved.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Sarah will be reaching out regarding the Memorial Day Parade.
- TeamSnap is now officially set up for our league. Krissy set it up. We can now offer it to all coaches with all of the paid features.

REC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:

- How were students notified of the application? Navian? Could those students who applied early have missed the application?
 - We can add it to the Community Pass blasts that go out
- 2 minimum \$500 scholarships
- 3 submitted applications, all males
- For this year only, should we consider offering to students who did not complete the application?
 - Perhaps people missed the application
 - For this year, we will choose two female athletes as well
- Head commissioners will submit a ballot with their vote

8th GRADE SCHOLARSHIPS:

- The REC award is themed on sportsmanship, teamwork, and REC values
 - REC participation - rule out any graduating student who did not stick with REC sports
- There is an additional sports excellence award given by the school.
 - One student could receive multiple awards.
 - We can narrow down the list for the school to make the final decision.
- Six awards given last year. The school has asked us to give out two this year. We can possibly award two boys and two girls.
 - We will give the school three boys and three girls and the school can select the two recipients to award
 - Commissioners will vote by ballot
- Next year we can reach out to REC coaches with a list of names and get their input

SOFTBALL:

- Things are going well, teams are holding their own.
- Standings:
 - Northvale 7/8 team is struggling a bit.
 - 5/6: 3 and 4
 - Aiello 3/4: 2 and 3 Porto 3/4: 5 and 4
- Scores are not being reported
- LobsterLeague website is easy and convenient
- Zebraweb for the umpires is also convenient, reminds coaches and umpires of assignments
- Regular season ends right before Memorial Day
- Top Twelve of bracket will move onto the playoffs
- Hearing people are pleased with the transition to this league

BASEBALL:

- Regular season ends on 5/26
- Potential playoffs - Tuesday 5/30, ending Saturday 6/10 *want to end before Father's Day
- Brendan sent out an email to see if there is interest in summer baseball
- Standings:
 - Minors - NV2: 4 and 2 NV1: 2 and
 - Majors - NV2: 3 and 4, NV1: 1 and 4
 - Knickerbockers - no wins yet
- The umpire situation has been a challenge. Several volunteers have stepped up. Sam Bodnar, Shane Small, Dennis Beck, Frank Petrilli, Anthony Miller, Dean Schembri have all umped for the program.
 - Maybe we can use Michael DiBari from softball to help with baseball assigning.
*Get in touch with him now.

RIFLE RANGE:

- Finish up at the end of June
- Two kids might be promoted to the competition team come September
- Next month there is a competition shooting from 100 yards. They are only able to practice from 50 feet.

BASKETBALL:

- We host the championships this year, the last week of July. Tuesday/Wednesday with Thursday/Friday as rain dates.
- Current Registrations:
 - 3/4 boys and 3/4 girls have 15 signed up each right now
 - 5/6 girls - 5
 - 5/6 boys - 41
 - 7/8 boys - 10
 - 7/8 girls - 2
 - Kindergarten - 20
 - 1/2 - 11 or 12

- Currently ordering basketballs, and contacting to make sure lights will be on. Mark Mancuso - wants to run the board.
- Brandon is planning on retiring from his commissionership next year
- Reached out to previous coaches to see if there are any other kids who might be interested and to find coaches who are interested

SOCCER:

- Registration after Memorial Day and end it before the end of school
- Ken is done with his Commissionership *plan overlaps with new volunteers
- Mario may be done with his Commissionership
 - At a minimum parent help to run co-committees
 - Uniforms
 - Field scheduling/lining/setting-up
 - Scheduling umpires
 - Rain Notification - perhaps a blanket push from REC TeamSnap
 - Equipment - they can still cover

NEW BUSINESS:

- Field Repairs - how do we plan for this for next season?
- We need to schedule a meeting to organize future planning:
 - Invite the mayor
 - one company for uniform ordering moving forward?
- We can reach out to Tom to pass word along to the town council

Motion to adjourn made by Ken; seconded by Heinz. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.