

Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes

November 19th, 2024

Present: Sarah Kirch, Krissy Mueller, Brendan Reilly, Nick Piersons, Debbie Smith, Dave Ernst, Matt Connelly

Commissioner: Marty Mattessich

Others Present: Anthony Miller

Meeting called to order at 7:51 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from 10/28//24 meeting. Motion made by Krissy Mueller; seconded by Brendan Reilly. Motion approved.

BASEBALL:

- Thank you to Anthony Miller for stepping in to represent Northvale in the Little League meetings.
- Stemmed from a desire to have more competitive ball in the area.
- To play in the LL World Series, you need to charter a team. Each town would become a charter at each level (cost is \$10 per team) and then if we have enough numbers, we would pool from the town. Additional cost of \$2-3 for patches to add to uniforms. Would pool from all 4 towns to take to tournaments. Cost is \$150 per team when you pool team together. Would likely be a tryout, additional costs for players involved.
- Doesn't impact Rec program in any way.
- LL tournaments would start in mid-June, double elimination style tournament. Tournament is in Mahwah/Franklin Lakes area.
- Age range: 8 years-15/16.
- Tryouts would be early next week and get them into a spring league together next year.
- Could talk about using some of our fields but there is field availability locally if needed.
- Town insurance: can list Little League as an insurer, or can use Little League insurance and it costs approximately \$2 per kid.
- Create a constitution (boiler plate language from Little League).

- Coaching can be done internally with parents, or you can hire someone (would be paid for by families on team).
- Umpires for summer tournament: \$65.
- Put together a board with representation from all of the towns on the charter.
- Partnership with Dick's has been approved: \$1000 to buy equipment for baseball/softball. Will share info with soccer commissioners.
- Field conditions at Veteran's: Joe McGuire is working with engineer and should have something to share soon.
- Question for the town: on the diamond/dirt maintenance, would it be possible for us to buy the dirt and DPW or parent volunteers to spread the dirt? Brought this up with Marty who will speak to the Mayor and the DPW.

SOFTBALL:

- Going to be getting pitching clinics going for any girl grades 3-8. Every Sunday night at 6 PM at the Vipers den. Waiting on a proposal for pricing. Also requested info for batting opportunities.
- Will secure DeBari as ump assignor for both softball and baseball.
- Want to look into putting the new nets on the batting cages and securing the bottom.
- Need a keypad lock; Nick will look into it.
- Opening Day April 26th.
- Uniforms: need to work with Mike Schulman on designs and work on sponsors.

SOCCER:

- Fall season went well; 2 championship squads (5/6 girls & 7/8 boys).
- Some issues at Hogans: 2 sprinkler heads are broken. Dave has communicated with Fran.
- Indoor: most teams are separated already. Only 1/2 and 3/4 boys need to be settled. No 3/4 girls but Dave reached out to other local towns to see about combining; other towns still have registration open. 10 teams total.
- Sarah will share Alexa's email with Dave and Nick re: ref assignments.
- Indoor soccer season usually starts in January but the league is proposing a start date of December 8th.
- Coaching: good pipeline and try to develop high school volunteers for assistant coaches.
- Kindergarten Clinic: have been in touch with Chris at Vikings and Red Bulls.
- Supplies have been ordered.

BASKETBALL:

- Travel closed last Monday 10/21; rec is still open for late registration for until 11/1 with a \$50 late fee.
- Travel: only 2 towns closed at the same time (Norwood and OT still open).
 - 7th grade boys: 1 team
 - 7th grade girls: 6 girls with 1 from Norwood (would like to get to 8... will do some recruiting if necessary)
 - 2nd grade boys: 6 registered
- Rec: Teams for all levels except 3/4 girls - Joel will reach out to other towns to see if the 3/4 girls can play for another town
 - 3/4 boys: 2 teams
 - 5/6 boys: 2 teams
 - 7/8 boys: 42 registered (4 teams)
 - 5/6 girls: 2 teams
 - 7/8 girls: 9 girls registered
- Created invoices for families in need of a payment plan through SportsPlus
- Look at cost breakdown for all sports for upcoming seasons to see if we can decrease registration costs at all
 - Can set up primary registration fee and a secondary fee to be paid at a later date
- Sarah will contact Pinajian to get more detail regarding the play rehearsals and when the gym will be available
- Have to ensure nets are put all the way up at the end of practices & games; Joel went last year to make sure it was done

RIFLE CLUB/MARKSMANSHIP:

- Continuing and going well!

Sweatshirts for coaches for all sports: generic coach sweatshirts rather than per sport.

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Ernst; seconded by Krissy Mueller. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.