

## **Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes**

### **October 29th, 2024**

**Present:** Sarah Kirch, Krissy Mueller, Joel Negron, Bea Negron, Brendan Reilly, Nick Piersons, Debbie Smith, Dave Ernst, Heinz Schroeder

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from 9/17//24 meeting. Motion made by Brendan; seconded by Krissy. Motion approved.

#### **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

#### **SOCCER:**

- Motion to appoint Dave Ernst as head soccer commissioner and Nick Piersons as assistant soccer commissioner. Motion made by Krissy Mueller, seconded by Heinz Schroeder
- Utilizing high school students as assistant coaches: need 4 girls and 6 boys - Sarah to inquire about paying the high school students
- Referees: Borough is putting together a policy regarding soccer referees/ages etc.

HS refs purchase their own uniforms, whistles etc

- Add a link from town website and rec website to sign up for emails
- 1/2 boys and girls are done for fall, last week of clinic is this week, playoffs start this weekend
- Looking at trainers for indoor clinic
- Sarah speak to Joe about having the lawyer draft a hold harmless for all Rec programs
- Signups for indoor: 50 girls, 84 boys, 24 for indoor clinic:
  - Only 3 girls for 3/4 girls
  - 23 5/6 girls (2 teams)
  - 1/2 girls: 13 girls (1 team)
  - 7/8 girls: 12 girls (1 team)
  - 1/2 boys: 2 teams
  - 3/4 boys: 2 teams
  - 5/6 boys: 1 team
  - 7/8 boys: 1 team

#### RIFLE CLUB/MARKSMANSHIP:

- Continuing and going well!

#### SOFTBALL:

- Will be covering the cost of some pitching and batting clinics
- Renegades is back as a summer program
- Will be looking for sponsors for uniforms (as will baseball)

#### BASEBALL:

- 12U summer little league Northern Valley team: had a Zoom call last week. Anthony Miller is helping out. Not many details but enough energy that it should come together.
- Stats enabled in SportsPlus so can help track all sports (scores, pitch counts, etc).
- Field conditions at Veteran's are a concern. Dirt patches all through the grass section; dog park has pushed the soccer field over so about a quarter of the soccer field is in the baseball field; front field is getting overgrown. Sarah will reach out to Joe McGuire regarding the park conditions.
- 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?
- Will be using DiBari as ump assignor again for both baseball and softball.

Motion to adjourn made by Joel Negrón; seconded by Krissy Mueller. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.