

Northvale Recreation Meeting Minutes

October 17th, 2023

Present: Sarah Kirch, Alexis Connelly, Matthew Connelly, Brendan Rielly, Mario Nikac, Beatriz Negrón, Joel Negrón, Krissy Mueller, Heinz Schroeder

Councilman: none

Others Present: Holly Ernst, Dave Ernst, Nick Piersons

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from 9/26/23 meeting. Motion made by Brendan Rielly; seconded by Krissy Mueller. Motion approved.

GENERAL:

- Maybe we can get the school to send out a, "How to get involved in REC," email.
- Lisa Nucera has officially taken over REC social media.
- Alma needs a week turn-around to put out registration information.
- TeamSnap - Krissy needs the coaches and email information as soon as it is known so the accounts can be set up ahead of the season.
- Translation website - working to translate REC emails and registration info. We need to figure out how to use it with Community Pass. We would like our site and materials to be more accessible for our town.
- Rutgers coaching class - will be offered online. What dates would work best. Looking into November dates.
- Next REC meeting is November 14th. Meetings typically third Tuesday of the month.

Field and Gym Usage:

- Can't use the gym until 5:30 pm on any school day according to Mr. Schulman. We need to check to see that there is no other conflict. We can ask Robin and need to let Mr. Schulman know what we need out of the gym (nets, bleachers, etc.) There are no conflicts on Fridays.
- No gym access dates: 12/12-Winter Concert, 1/25-International Day, 3/18-3/23-Spring Musical, just waiting to schedule Spring Fling for PTO - current date not scheduled

SOCCER:

- Weather continues to be an issue, some older girls teams have played through, 1-2 girls have yet to play a game this year. Thinking of offering free registration for winter soccer

or else a refund. The concern is that with refunds, we will not be able to cover trainer fees. The guarantee is 7 games. Other towns are not responding to requests to reschedule.

- Maybe double headers on Saturdays would work for make-ups.
- We don't want to discourage the 1-2 girls from playing in the future based on this season.
- Trying to make-up Pre-K/K clinic since it has been rained out every Saturday. Maybe we can use older players to help run a clinic?
- We need to figure out our future uniform situation soon.
- Possibly add a clause to future registrations mentioning prorated refunds on an as needed basis taking into account overhead costs that must be covered regardless of weather.
- Fee for the wheel replacements on the nets at Veterans needs to be paid

BASKETBALL:

- 10/3/23 - registration opened; slow start - particularly travel 46 total to date, 6 travel
- 10/16/23 - a reminder went back out
- Registration closes 11/8
- Joel has reached out to surrounding town commissioners and found that many teams close registration much earlier. He has asked for other town starting dates so that we can align.
- Next season, Joel will start much earlier. It may necessary to move soccer registration too to avoid a conflict
- Don't want to lose our girls to surrounding towns. Players cannot technically play for another town unless Northvale cannot put together a team.
- What do we do with travel teams when the numbers are too high? We must have tryouts. Do we allow players to try-out before registration or do we reimburse?
 - HP and towns outside of Norwood - you must play REC or for the school team. Then, you can try out for travel and if you make it, pay later.
- Should we change our pricing to make registration more affordable for interested families? REC is affordable (cheapest in the surrounding towns) but is our travel affordable? When we combine costs of REC registrations with travel registrations, is it too expensive?
- Let's make people aware of the changes to the program: new commissioners and initiatives for gym space
- Chodae - offered gym space on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7:30pm at no cost.
- St. Anthony's - initially said yes and then retracted. Shooting Zone (GOAT) has a contract with the church. The Shooting Zone may be willing to share some practice time with us.
- 10/29 - The Shooting Zone Northvale free clinic. Alma will send out a blast to get people to register.
- Put out a thank you post thanking Chodae and mentioning publically that Shooting Zone offered to share facility time at St. Anthony's

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL:

- DeBari is good to go ump assign softball and baseball. He just wants to discuss the process with baseball before committing. Brendan will reach out to him to confirm details.
- The rate has increased to \$70 per umpire for softball next season.
- Registration tentative dates: earlier this year. Krissy will reach out to other teams in the league to see when they are opening registration

RIFLE CLUB:

- Registration in January
- Competition Team - 3 participants
- Regular Team - 6 participants
- 3 spaces open
- One relay a night to avoid the sharing of rifles
- Ages 12-18
- Run on Monday nights, Adult club on Wednesday nights - residents can come on Wednesday with proper registration
- Beginner training offered Sunday mornings

Motion to adjourn made by Brendan Reilly; seconded by Heinz Schroeder. Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.