**NORTHVALE RECREATION MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 15TH, 2022**

**Present:** Heinz Schroeder, Brandon Giordano, Ken DeGennaro, Krissy Mueller, Debbie Smith, Brendan Reilly

**Others Present:** Colleen Surovich, Alma Giordano, Meredith Zimbler, Dave Zimbler, Scott Blum

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approved minutes from October 4th 2022 meeting. Motion made by Ken DeGennaro; seconded by Heinz Schroeder. Motion approved.

SOCCER:

* Playoffs are still underway for fall season; don’t have number but good showing.
* Numbers for winter indoor soccer are strong and getting back to pre-covid numbers.
* Looking for support from younger parents to take over as commissioners.
* We discussed the topic of training and how it could be changed/improved upon:
  + Could we consider trainers dedicated to a team rather than trainers dedicated to an age group? Other options for training were also discussed including coaches providing the training – older, more experienced coaches can help less experienced coaches?
  + Could Speed Soccer also provide clinics for the coaches so they could learn coaching skills?
  + Push for a topic each week in trainings – for example, dribbling, finishing, etc.
* 1/2 parents concerned about how soccer is being run by coaches – kids playing across and playing time. Ken mentioned needing to get more involved in this level next year.

BASKETBALL:

* Started today with a clinic – thank you to Alma Giordano for sending out a last minute email!
* 5/6 – 45 boys – good number of signups, handful of travel teams.
* 7/8 girls going to Old Tappan.
* 5/6 girls merging with Norwood.
* Older boys also merging with Old Tappan, Norwood, Harrington Park.
* Gym at Northvale Public School approved for free (also for indoor soccer).
* Men’s basketball will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
* 15 Kindergarten kids.
* Should be good for coaches.
* Chodae Church said no to gym time. Could we possibly ask St. Anthony’s for gym time?

RIFLE RANGE:

* All going well!

SOFTBALL:

* Meeting with Harrington Park and Norwood softball commissioners next week because they may want to step away from the league we have been with in the past.

BASEBALL:

* Using one ump assignor across the league.
* Looking to plan a meeting in early December with just the current and past baseball and softball commissioners.

VOLLEYBALL:

* Colleen Surovich was the head coach at Holy Angels for 12 years and is now a parent in town.
* Looking at age groups: 3rd-5th, 6th-8th.
* Questions to ask: are there 2 nets? Are there balls we can use? What times/dates can we use in the Northvale Public School Gym?
* Maybe we can coordinate a couple of clinics in Aprli or May for Northvale residents only to get the program started.
* Have to be careful how much we promote this program for boys since there are limited opportunities in high school. Could do a boys only program if we have the numbers. Boys and girls will need to be split up in 6th-8th grades.
* Will look to set up a meeting with Mike Schulman, Sarah Kirch, Krissy Mueller, and Colleen Surovich to explore this further.

TEAM SELECTION PROTOCOL:

* Reviewed the ideas presented in the draft document.
* Ken DeGennaro and Brandon Giordano agreed to try the protocol for winter sports (indoor soccer and basketball).

ADULT SOFTBALL:

* In the past, adult softball did donate back to the Rec department.
* Increase fees so we can make money?
* Commonwealth – get some benefits but don’t vote.

Motion to adjourn made by Brandon Giordano; seconded by Ken DeGennaro. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.