

## Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes Oct 6, 2011

Attendance: Dave Yates  
Jeremy Griffus  
Bob Iannaco  
Carl Dubois  
Keith Bowen, arrived at 6:35  
Rupert Cote  
Sue LaRoche  
Mick Regan  
Eric Horton

Excused – Ben Nadeau

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes:**

Motion entered by Sue LaRoche to accept the Sept minutes as presented. Eric Horton seconded, motion carried 6-0.

### **Public Input**

Ed Peterson – Ed attended the Suburban League meeting. To his surprise the following changes were implemented:

- Fees have increased to \$185.
- Going from 12 games to 14-16 games.
- Season will not start until 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Jan.
- Jamboree will be held in the Dec timeframe and the town is responsible for paying for officials.
- Playoffs start in March. Ed mentioned that this could be a problem for some people.
- Division 1 Teams do not have to play all players which is in direct contradiction to Hudson rules. All other divisions, each player has to play at least 8 min.
- One rule change Ed pointed out is if a kid is cut, he or she can try out for another town team. Pending there overall numbers.
- Teams who have greater than 10 players, the 11 off the bench does not have to play. Ed expressed dis interest in this rule.
- Ed is not for the Suburban League and prefers to allow selection of tournament.
- Ed has requested a subcommittee representative be at his tryout.
- Frank G is coaching the middle school kids. This will impact kid preparation and readiness for travel.

Dave Yates – Expressed concern over timing changes. We need to discuss to determine impact to other town league schedules. Changes were made to evaluate players prior to season.

Question – How does this impact the Hudson Tournament? Should we consider a change in dates (mid Dec timeframe as we may get a good draw of teams)? Sue mentions we need to discuss as a subcommittee.

### **Report of Officers**

None

### **Report of Sub Committees**

None

### **Director's Report**

- Soccer is ongoing. Some pictures have been rained out.
- Basketball signups are complete and 650 registrations.
- Signup drop deadline is next Thur the 13<sup>th</sup> for basketball registrations.
- Movie night starts up at the community center. Spooky Buddy.
- First Dance is this month. A parent has raised some concern about boy asking girls to go to the dance. So a name change to “Social” has been made to not give this perception.
- Comedy Night is scheduled for Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Over 35 Basketball has started. Tue 9-11 Community Center and Fri 8-10 at Memorial. Sue has brought up the question if open gym is available to men and women. Yes, and an open timeframe will be implemented to women at some point during the season.
- Budget season is upon us.
- 5/6 grade dance. Chaperones are welcome.

### **Playground Update:**

- Jeremy - First day went well and got us off on the right foot. The playground guys and volunteers did a GREAT JOB. And there is no doubt that this will be great assets to the town.
- Great Food from all the volunteers.
- **Kudos to the Highway Dept. for all the preparation of the site and assistance in the build.**
- A simple ceremony will be held to officially open the playground. Time is being negotiated.

### **Basketball Subcommittee**

- Need to discuss the information Ed and Paul brought forward as noted above.

### **Women's Softball Report:**

- Knockouts won the championship for a 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year.
- There is some concern about drinking after the games. Suggested that we put new signs out there that stress “drinking is prohibited on town property”.

- Parking situation will need to be approved. Sue mentioned that there should be room to facilitate emergency vehicles.

#### Men's Softball Report:

- Sousa has won the championship for the **3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year**. Bob I and Carl D Thanked Dave for mentioning this.
- Fields were in great shape all year. Thanks to John Barry and highway department.
- Issues:
  - With 14 players per team and there were times forfeit did occur because of lack of players. Dave recommends moving back to 8 teams and disband the team with the fewest returning players.
  - With rules instituted drinking has gotten better.
- Recommendation to start a softball subcommittee. Dave Yates would like to step away from running the league as there is a significant conflict of interest as he is playing. A vote took place and approved 9-0.
- Due to actions on the field there is one player that should come forward and present a case for why he should play next season.
- No floater list for softball league.

#### Budget:

##### Babe Ruth Baseball:

- It's still under negotiations as to whether it's a good idea to cut Babe Ruth from the budget. HLB will discuss the issue and determine if it is feasible to do so.
- Consolidation of resources was recommended by Eric and should be considered.

#### Closing Remarks

Keith – Have attended tryouts and he comments on different evaluation styles. Great Job and approves the process.

Sue – Kudos to the soccer organization and coaches.

Mick – Great 5/6 grade basketball tryout, kudos to soccer.

Jeremy – Is very happy with the playground process.

Carl – What kid does not like to play in the mud?

Rupert – Attended basketball tryout and mentioned how important it is that we continue to support the kids.

Bobby – Leo, Leo, Leo, Great job on evaluations. The HS band performance at Dave Yates –

Eric – Kudos to the playground process and Laurie for the effort put in to soccer.

There being no further business, Bobby entered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Keith Bowen, and motion carried 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Dubois

I left the time line in here to show estimated as compared to actual.

<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Send RFP to Vendors</b>	
24-Mar	24-Mar	Recommendation to Planning Board	Complete
2-May	9-May	Send RFP to Vendors	Complete
11-May	24-May	Site Walk with Vendors	Complete
20-May	9-Jun	RFP / Packages Due to Town Clerk	Complete
20-May	9-Jun	Sub Committee Review Proposals	Complete
6-Jun	20-Jun	Interview with vendors	Complete
4-Jun	28-Jun	Recommendation to BOS	Complete
25-Aug	25-Aug	Selection of Playground Colors and Misc Equipment	Complete
19-Sep	26-Sept	Installation	Complete
15-Oct		Open to the community – Ceremony	TBD

Enclosure (2)