

Readington Recreation Minutes  
June 28, 2006

- A. Ed Dudzinski called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.
- B. Attendance:  
1. Committee Attendance, Ed Dudzinski, Ken Groel, Mark Toman, Jeff Kane, Tom Daly, Linda Busch  
2. Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Patti Marcine  
Public: Laurie Fischer, Mike Schoderbeck
- C. Minutes Approval:  
Ed made a Motion: ***The minutes from the May 31, 2006 recreation meeting are approved.***  
Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- D. Correspondence:  
1. Resignation letter from Ron Armellino effective July 1, 2006  
2. It was stated that a new vice chairman would need to be renamed.  
3. Greta made a Motion: ***Sharon Becker would be the new vice-chairperson for this committee replacing Ron Armellino.*** Ed seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
4. Thank you from Hallie Guardo for Jim Rohl Scholarship  
5. Thank you from the Shannon Daley Foundation
- E. Old Business
1. Volleyball Report-Laurie Fischer
    - a. Laurie went over the attached report
    - b. Laurie talked about the Impact Clinic on August 20<sup>th</sup>
    - c. She stated volleyball has become #2 sports for scholarships for girls.
    - d. The things that are needed are more playing time and time to develop the skills
    - e. A big problem is lacking trained coaches- there is a need for more coaches training clinics
    - f. Laurie reported our teams finished very well with the U14's first in pool and 8<sup>th</sup> tied out of 25 teams and the U12 were the regional champs.
    - g. Recreational volleyball is all clinics with scrimmages not necessarily teams.
    - h. Tryouts will be held in November and start the league in December.
  2. Flag Football-Tom Daley
    - a. Draft is done and so is the budget.
    - b. Uniforms will be from Darrows with a mesh top and pants, as well as equipment, and the expense of referees will be amongst themselves with no fees for the first year.
    - c. Need 2 fields-definitely use Three Bridges and possibly Holland Brook or Readington School. Will check with Steve Bush
    - d. The first 2 Saturdays will be a clinic and then a draft will be done to form teams
    - e. Tom will update any changes and will email everyone this summer for approval.
    - f. Tom assured the committee it will be great pilot program and will do great this fall.
  3. Basketball Policies & Procedures Changes
    - a. Jeff reported that the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade league has no required time to play- What should they do –should follow league rules?
    - b. It was suggested there be a minimum of 8 minutes playing time for 10 kids and 6 minute playing time for more than 10 kids.
    - c. Practice time attendance is a problem in some cases- should there be consequences when they don't show up for practice. What would the definition of an unexcused absence be?
    - d. After a discussion on these matters it was decided all parents and players must attend a meeting to discuss the rules with coaches and a brochure made for all travel sports and post it on web with all rules
    - e. If a player misses practice unexcused or doesn't put out in practice or games or becomes disruptive, etc. then their playing time may be reduced below established policy by the coach. The coach must first talk with the rec director, liaison and the child's parents about the problem before changing the child's playing time if the problem continues.

- f. It was recommended that Tom Daley become the basketball liaison replacing Ron Armellino.
- g. The basketball program needs to get a new referee coordinator and use our kids as referees again this year.

4. Fishing Derby-Ken stated it was a great day and a nice turnout and it was up on the website. It was decided that Father's Day was a good Sunday to have it.

5. Finger Print Policy-

Greta reported that there has been an incident where the fingerprints didn't come back clear and the labor lawyer says they can not coach. After some discussion it was stated they must clear themselves before they can coach again and this should go through Vita.

6. Response to Gary Newborn about Hunterdon Central Sending District Program for Softball

The committee was emailed about what Gary was trying to do and after some discussion it was decided the program is not in the best interest of Readington players. Greta is to send a letter to Gary stating Readington is not participating in this program.

F. New Business

1. Parent Meetings for Recreation & Travel

a. Greta discussed the importance of having new parents programs S>P>O>R>T>

b. Greta said every sport should have a parents expectations meeting whether travel or rec and should include 1. Behavior, 2, Playing time, 3. Communication, and 4. A commitment.

2. HSA/Recreation family day together in Fall-After a brief discussion that Recreation would have it's own family day that is non-profit for the community rather than participating in a fund raiser type event.

3. Softball Program Over Haul Recreation & Travel

a. Greta stated that our softball sport needs a lot of work-needs our skill level to improve

b. This year we had no 14 & under team and only 10 kids in the 12 & under but had enough in our 10 & under team. Softball needs to have professional trainers as soccer does to help players and coaches learn the basic skills. Jeff will look into getting some professionals

c. Another problem in softball is getting umpires and having them show up. Greta will contact Bill Lunger to get umpires

d. It was agreed there would be no standings in rec softball

e. This will be discussed again in the fall.

4. New Board Member/CoChairman- see above was discussed when committee accepted Ron Armellino's resignation.

5. Fund Raising Idea-Greta said this will be discussed at the next meeting in the fall

6. Travel Basketball Coaching Selection meeting-Greta said this would take place at September meeting

7. Amy Cook Program for Fall- it will be the same as last fall

8. Paving Walk Way at Summer Road-Greta is looking to getting Ernie Renda to pave a walkway to the rink.

9. Other Business

Mark reported on Street Soccer is very successful every Wednesday at Summer Road over 40 people come to play. Many coaches have been coming out to help. Mark said soccer wants a soccer wall and a hand ball wall - one at each park. Mark asked why we can't irrigate the fields and use what we have. Greta said Kevin doesn't use them. Mark suggested we set up training with Spartac on Thursdays. He wants to continue with UK-Elite on Wednesdays

10. Next Meeting September 27, 2006. Ed made the motion: ***The recreation meeting is adjourned at 9:40 P.M.*** Jeff seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Minutes were taken by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, June 28, 2006.

Minutes were written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary, September 19, 2006

