

Readington Recreation Minutes
November 29, 2005

A. Ed called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M

B. Attendance:

Committee Attendance: Ed Dudzinski, Ron Armelino, Sharon Becker,
Tom Daley, Ken Groel, Jeff Kane, Bill Quinn, Mark Toman
Township Officials: Greta Kenney, Tom Auriemma, Patti Marcine
Public: No One

C. Minutes Approval:

Ed made a **Motion: The minutes from the October 26, 2005 meeting be accepted with the changes discussed to be made. Everyone on the committee received a copy of these minutes by e-mail.**

The motion was seconded by Mark. All were in favor.

D. Correspondence:

None

E. Old Business

1. Soccer Overview-Mark Toman

* There was a discussion on the requirement for players having to play both fall and spring travel soccer. Mark explained it wasn't our idea but mandated by Mid New Jersey (MNJYSA) league rules. It was felt by many that it was important that children get to try all sports and not on just one so they don't get burned out. Ed stated we lose many travel players because they have to commit to 2 seasons. Mark concluded that there is nothing we can do about this and the coaches try to accommodate the other sports in the spring in their scheduling. Mark stated the roster rule with team players: teams can only transfer 3 from another team over the entire Spring/Fall combines 'season' which is enforced by MNJYSA, and are able to add any amount of new players. Club policy is that the rosters are to be kept at levels enabling the maximum amount of qualified Readington players to play and can be as many as 18 for full sided and 14 for small sided teams.

2. Forms updated for Web Page

*There was a discussion on using different registration forms for each sport and about registrations. Many people are having a hard time getting forms online. It was decided we still need 1 walk-in registration and the rest done by email or forms at municipal building. Everyone said a date must be set for deadline registrations and everyone must stick too it. All this information will be set up on the website. Greta and Patti will make a calendar up for each sport when (what month and deadline date for each sport) registration will occur. It was decided to use one registration form for all sports to be less confusing for parents. It was recommended to have a brochure made up with all our sports and dates made available to anyone especially newcomers.

*Do we have by-laws and should they be posted on the website? Tom said there really are no by-laws. Our motions are really our by-laws because we operate under the township committee. On the website delete reference to bylaws and reword to say Policies and Procedures and we can put our motions in there.

* Sports update: Volleyball changes to be made then complete. Basketball is complete. Softball and soccer polices and procedures are being worked on.

*Discussion was made on having a list server for the town the way the school has.

*Not on web page.

a. Men's softball program

b. Senior Citizen activities. There was a discussion that we really do not have much for the senior citizens. There is a place in Flemington and the YMCA has things but nothing here in Readington. It was suggested to use the Polish American Club since we don't have a Community Center and a have a program and activities for them. Ed questioned what our population of seniors was in Readington and he offered to look into it. Tom suggested we get a senior member on our committee to take charge off this project. Sharon and Ed are looking into what our needs are for seniors and how recreation can help them. It will be discussed at later meeting. Tom suggested we call it Passive Recreation.

*Current Event Page- What should it include?

Activities for sports should be in both places both here and in sports section. The page needs to be updated all the time with sport schedule changes.

*Website should have the committee members name on top the way the Township does it.

*The basketball standings and schedule will be updated in 24 hours.

3. Softball Travel/Recreation Policies

* Policies will be discussed at next executive meeting.

*Travel Coach- Jack Kelly is doing clinics not coaching. Mike Shannon is moving up and interested in coaching. Question is when should a coach be selected for travel softball since they will be practicing in January? It was decided to have applications accepted in January with interviews in February. There is a need for a U-14 Coach.

* Greta said in recreation softball we are going to try to have 5&6 grade separate teams from the 7 & 8 grade girl's teams.

4. Basketball Evaluations

*The turnout was about 50-60%. Everything seemed to go well.

* They were supposed to use last year's evaluations. This year each coach should have to do them on each player before the team can do playoffs. Jeff made a very simple form that everyone could use.

5. Basketball Clinic for Recreation Teams

*This clinic is being done by Hoops America from South Plainfield on Dec. 3 with drills and skills development for players and coaches. We invited parents to watch to learn some skills to help their kids with. All the grades have been assigned a gym, time and school. The cost was \$3,000.

6. Registration format form and times. (see above)

7. Volleyball update.

8. Memorial Day Parade

*Discussion was made on a new name for the parade versus the community day.

* Community Day has been changed to April 29, 2005.

* Name of event?

F. New Business

1. Web Page Format- discussed in old business
2. Holiday Basketball Tournament
 - * Ron reported we lost the high school both upper gym and the field house so we are going to use Health Quest at \$50 an hour.
 - *There will be a meeting Thursday night at 7:30 at RMS Rm.307 and Betty Ann Chieffo will be there to support the booster club. We always gave the booster club a check from the 3 on 3 tournaments we did but this year it was cancelled. It helped pay for uniforms, cheerleaders, lacrosse program, etc. We can give them a donation from this tournament depending on how much we make.
 - *The tournament date is December 26-December 30. Ron encourages everyone to come out and see some games.
3. Travel Players
 - *There is a problem with players playing travel and recreation. The problem is with mostly 4th & 5th grade basketball players. Soccer and softball travel and recreation don't usually have conflict playing times. The rule is that if you play both travel and recreation, then recreation games come before playing travel games if they are at the same time. Some coaches and kids don't approve of this.
 - * Ed made a **Motion: The rule of basketball stands where the players want to play both travel and recreation that recreation comes first. If they miss a recreation game then they can not play in the next travel game.** The motion was seconded Mark.
4. Greta said our next executive meeting was on December 14, Wednesday at Cryan's. She would email everyone details.

F. Public Comments: none

H. Adjournment: **Motion: Ed adjourned the meeting at 9:50 P.M.** Mark seconded the motion.

Minutes taken and written by Patti Marcine, Recording Secretary.

Minutes revised on 12/18/05