

## Rec Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2023

Attendees, Karen Hatch, Melissa O., Brian S., Kris S. Karen Howard, Kris G.

-Minutes approved from January meeting.

-Basketball update

-Ryan R. was not able to attend but we received a written update for the season. He will be sending out survey this week. Discussed was taking home our ½ kids for games and having them scrimmage in house. Karen Hatch believes it is better for them fundamentally, this will be on the parent survey.

-Extended Basketball Season

-Chris G. has approached the school for extended season but needs to provide event insurance. He has asked Karen Hatch if he could do this under Rec. Department. She is hoping he will address this with Ryan and we can streamline the line of communication. Each sport commissioner to work with whatever is brought up for that sport. Ryan is currently quite busy with work so Karen Hatch will continue the communication for now. She will be meeting with the supper intendant and Tabitha from the school on Tuesday to give them the requested schedule and work together to get the extended season. There will be no fee for existing kids in the basketball program but will be requiring a fee for new signups. That fee is to be determined. The parents will need to do a new signup for all kids. We need to add medications and confidentially to all our signup sheet for all sports/events. Ryan has just arrived to the meeting.

-Details on extended season, it will be coed for grades 5, 6 and 7. He believes the kids need more court time to improve Vassalboro's all over game and prepare them for higher grades. Would like to have the older siblings help coach the younger ones. He has about fourteen 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and ten 6<sup>th</sup> graders interested. It will be skills and drills clinic style for now and hoping in the future to be able to attend tournaments with the kids and form a travel team. Ryan R. will not be able to participate in the extended season so this will be led by Kris G in collaboration with Karen Hatch. Clinics will start February 27<sup>th</sup> and go until baseball needs the gym.

-Adult league, John F. and Kris G. expressed that they would also like to form an adult league that will start meeting Wednesday nights on February 27<sup>th</sup> and will go until baseball needs the gym. He has about 5 or 6 adults currently requesting. This will be advertised along with the kids clinics online once we have the go from the School. It was advised to let adults know that kids will not be allowed in the gym unless they are able to sit in the bleachers the entire time. The time would be 6:30 to whenever everyone is ready to leave. It will be for 18 and up.

-Baseball

-The new commissioner is Kris S., he has already started figuring out our options. We will start clinics late March/early April for clinics in the Vassalboro School gym. It is recommended to have a half hour meeting with all parents prior to all sports season starting on what we expect of etiquette. We also as commissioners will be upping our binders for coaches to include layed out

practices and the rules of each sport more clearly. The goal is to get better informed coaches and hopefully more volunteers, and better players.

-Kris G. has coached Ripkin and seen the demise of Dirigo over the years and wants to help get our kids back home and playing better. He would like to do skills and drills clinics pre-season. He is investigating Cal Ripkin for Winslow/Waterville with very little response. He has had better luck with Pal out of Fairfield. Ben Dostie has been in communication, they offer coach pitch and up and are interested in adding up to their towns. He sounded pretty optimistic, but we do not have the yes yet. Hoping in the next day or two. Our own teams and coaches and we would be able to use our fields for practices and games. Dirigo has given up their licensure so they no longer will be an option. Before confirming with Pal, Chris wants to speak with Christian Robinson. They are less picky on the field maintenance than little league so this will help us. We do have \$15,000 for field startup this spring. We will need to get volunteers for maintenance after that. Hopefully having an adult basketball league will inspire more parents to step up as we will be speaking with them weekly for a little while! We do have the adult softball church league leader offering to help maintain the softball field. Currently the younger ages are up in the air for if they will play Dirigo or be able to also go to Pal.

#### -Softball

-Karen Howard has agreed to be our new commissioner, Kim Feugal has also said she will help out with the younger kids. Karen Howard is on the side of playing for Caysa. Kim may take the younger girls to Pal but that needs to be worked out on what is best for all the girls. Nothing yet on the group chat but Hatch will add Howard.

-Registration, we will be moving to online registration for all sports, the logistics are being worked out by Hatch currently. Melissa would like to have up to the minute registration forms to form teams as soon as possible.

#### -Snack Shack

Hatch has reached out to Jen as she had expressed interested during the soccer season. She has not heard back. She will give it a little more time and then try to find someone else. She is hoping for a yes or no in the next week or two.

#### -Hockey Tickets

-Tickets cannot be raffled so it was asked if anyone from committee would like them. Melissa O. asked for five tickets. Howard said she may take some but will get back to Hatch when she talks to friends.

#### -Rec at a Glance

-Hatch handed out a list of things she has in the works to do with community. This list is exciting and extensive. She is currently working about 50 to 60 hours trying to get everything up and going. She will be asking the town manager to up her paid hours to 30 so she can be compensated. She would also like to ask the town if we could use the currently unused vacant town lot on 32 by outlet stream to build a pickle ball/tennis court. Everyone on committee seemed to like the idea. She will be hosting a weekly senior's event at St. Bridget's called Matter

of Balance. This will be a short series and is hoping to do more in the future. This group will be meeting on Monday and Wednesdays and start March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be held at the library at 6pm on March 13<sup>th</sup>.