

Meeting minutes for Rec Meeting

March 13th 2023

Attendees: Kris S. Ryan R. Melissa O. Karen Howard Karen Hatch John Fortin

Basketball

-Survey was filled out by 21 parents, came back mostly positive, 2 parents with negative remarks. Overall good feedback. Most of the improvements requested were for more gym time and better training. Parents requested smaller teams, we did what we could with the numbers we had, too many for one but not enough to split. This will improve with better communication with the school that we see in the future as we build relationship. One suggestion for next season per Ryan R. was that we have extra practice on Saturday when we have away games for kids not playing games. Better training can only improve with more volunteers and experienced coaches. Parents voted mostly to do in house games going forward for grades k through 2nd. Next season we are hoping to be able to get into the gym earlier to get more practices before games start.

-Gym rental costs came in at \$454 for the season, Hatch and Howard suggested finding a sponsor for specifically covering the cost of the gym rental.

-End of season cleanup, hoops need to be brought back to the field. Kris S. will have his truck at the school Friday March 17th and Ryan R. will help him get them back to the snack shack. Basketballs and their cage can be kept at the school until next season.

-Supplies needed for next season, 8 youth balls and 8 38.5 size balls.

-Extended season is going well, hoping to do Hotshots or tournaments with an all starts $\frac{3}{4}$ and 5/6 team next year.

Baseball

-Signups are slow, hoping they pickup last week of March. Currently have enough for a minors and a rookie team. Minors will be with PAL and coach pitch/T-Ball will stay with Dirigo. Kris S. is currently getting signups from library and town office, next season he will be able to have it setup through PAL to do online. Karen Hatch is looking into online signups through SE, this will be \$1,200 per year plus fees. Cost would be split between all sports and coaches/committee members will be able to use the app for parent communications as well.

-Volunteers/coaches, we currently need more coaches. Cal Ripkin has a certification program that Kris S. is hoping our coaches will partake in.

-Equipment, Kris S. hopes to order what is needed for the season starting next couple weeks. He will try to get most of it through Josephs. He will go over the inventory on our drive and look over what is in the snack shack when he is there on Friday. Melissa, Karen Howard and Ryan R. will be there to show him around the shack.

-Shirt, Pal provides shirts and pants for the minors. We will need to do the shirts for farm and t-ball. Karen Hatch suggested getting prices from local vendors prior to season starting to make sure we have the best price and service. Karen Howard wishes to stay with Maniac as they sponsor our teams and have had great service. Melissa O. and Ryan R. agreed with this but Karen Howard has agreed to get quotes to make sure we are with a good company.

-Work day, we will advertise when we get closer but for now, we anticipate April 22nd with a rain date of April 23rd, 9:00am start time. Ryan R. volunteered to run the tractors once a week if properly trained by the town crew.

-Home games, we must provide umpers for all home games, we will be able to pay students \$25 per game and hope we can get parents to volunteer as well. Coaches need to have a portion in their binders that explains what is required of them on game day for field setup and clean up.

-Clinics, they will start March 29th to April 6th on Wednesday nights at the Vassalboro school. Half the gym will be for baseball and half for softball like last year. Someone will be at the gym for late signups and we will advertise online. Softball will do pitching one night and hitting on the second night. Season will hopefully start last week of April/first week of May depending on field conditions.

Softball

-Dirigo has 16 signups so far, hoping for more closing to end of signups. We need more girls to signup to be able to have an 8u and 10u Dirigo team otherwise they will be spread out amongst the CAYSA teams. Caysa field day is April 15th.

-Karen Howard will be at the snack shack on Friday to do inventory and determine what needs to be purchased prior to season starting. Melissa O. will be there to help and get into the softball shed.

Snack Shack

-JMG may be an option or a non-profit like boys scouts. We have not been successful in finding a volunteer to be the commissioner. We could do a 50/50 or 40/60 split depending on who supplies the items to sell.

Easter Egg Hunt PTO

-Volunteer signups have been posted to our page, commissioners are asked to volunteer and help out. We will need to be there by 8:30 am on the 2nd of April. Hatch will be going to Germany after the event, she will be off grid from April 4th until the 25th.

Sponsorship

-Karen Howard will fix logo on the sponsorship sheet from "recreational" to "recreation". Howard has gone over the form and updated some of the items.

Next meeting is set for April 10th, Hatch will not be able to attend, we have agreed to have meeting in her absence.

