

Minutes for Rec Committee Meeting

April 10th 2023 at the Rec Fields at 6pm

Attendees: Melissa O. Karen Howard, Ryan R., Kris S. Michelle S., John F.

-Minutes approved from March meeting.

-Baseball

-Kids signed up, 65 total, 26 for T-Ball, 2 teams. 16 Farm kids, 1 team. 26 Minors, 2 teams. Coaches are all set just waiting on Joe Henry to confirm he will help as well. Background checks will be handed out at the coaches meeting either Friday or Monday and Michelle will drop off at the town office after. Waiting on Dirigo/Pal schedule prior to sending out meeting time to coaches.

-Last year we had 44 signups so this year is looking great for numbers. Kris feels we could do even better with an online signup. Would like to use TeamReach for parent communications.

-Work day scheduled for April 22nd, Kris would like Hatch to post to Facebook for parents to know when workday is. Melissa will try to get a copy of the to do list from the previous commissioner emailed to Kris. Ryan mentioned that having a list of tasks that parents check off like we did for soccer works well. Also, we think there should be a signup for snack shack during cleanup day. A commissioner is needed and if not then we will need Hatch to coordinate the food again and who will be working shack and responsible for money. Simply drinks and snacks at a minimum but hopefully hot dogs and French fries could be cooked as well.

-Field maintenance, Kris will be meeting with Ken to go over how he can maintain the fields this season. He will be asking about lime and will be putting down 20 yards of dirt for better sliding. Major updating of the fields will not be able to be done until the fall and Ken will let Kris know what, when and how to do that.

-School team, they will be starting games next week, they wish to use the rec field but are asking us to maintain them. Kris will communicate with them but we currently do not have a use for the field so would not make sense for us to maintain it just for their use.

-Umps, John has a couple people he thinks may be able to ump and will let Kris know once we have games dates. Melissa also has an uncle she thinks could come. Games will be Tuesday and Thursdays.

-Equipment, Kris is looking to buy two new sets of Minors catching gear, this runs about \$300 per set. He also will be checking the requirements for bats and determining if we need to buy some. He would like to have two bats per team, 4 bats. He will be sending out an email to minor parents on bat requirements, so they have the correct game bat. John and Kris would also like to price out a new pitching machine. He will check with Dicks this week and a local shop to determine the best option for the equipment needed. Pal league fee is \$1,000.

-Shirts, they have been ordered at Maniac Ink, there was not enough time to get pricing this season, but Howard will be getting quotes before soccer starts, which is the beginning of our

next year of sports. The shirts have been requested by the 22nd so that we can hand them out at clean up day, in hopes to get more parents there helping with the work.

-Got vinyl will be doing the business signs, Howard will send over companies requesting one as she gets them and they take about 2 to 3 days until done. The town will be billed.

-Photos, once we receive the game schedule Kris will schedule with Central Maine with home dates.

-Hatch needs to call this week for outhouse and trash pickup to begin again.

-T-ball games will be in house but China wishes to hold a clinic for all the towns on a Saturday to get them all together.

-Basketball

-No real news, season is complete

-Adult ball is continuing on Thursday nights.

-Softball

-Equipment needed, still waiting on what JPresti has from last season when Mary P. was commissioner, he will be meeting with Howard to drop off what he has and we can have inventory complete and know what is needed. Howard would like to have new catchers' equipment and CAYSA helps with supplying what is needed. Howard will be sending out an email to parents to see what their players have for equipment and make sure we have enough for those that don't have their own. We need to check if we have score cards for score keepers. Melissa believes we have a couple that were purchased last fall. Michelle will be checking upstairs. Softball sponsors and coaches are all set, umps are provided by CAYSA. Most of the players on our team are from Vassalboro.

-Sponsorship

-69 letters have been sent out to Vassalboro businesses, no one has responded yet. Maine Adirondack requested to sponsor a baseball team, but we were all full, so they are on the list for next season. He wishes to be a yearly sponsor.

-Upcoming Rec Programs

-We have some events with PTO coming up, Melissa mentioned one concern that our time should be used respectfully. Commissioners should not be asked to attend events unless they really need us, money raised by events should not only go to PTO if REC is providing a location and volunteers.

-Discussion not on agenda

-Inventory must be kept by commissioners and uploaded to excel file on drive. This should be done with another committee member and prior to and after each sport season. Melissa O., Hatch and Ryan R. all agreed to add it to our bilaws. John F. and Kris S. were walking fields at time of discussion.

-Next meeting set for Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6pm.