

## **Minutes, May 13, 2015 – Kinnelon Recreation Commission Meeting**

Sunshine Notice Read and meeting called to order at 7:45 PM

Roll Call: Present were Jeanne Armstrong, Kevin Goldstein, Rick Millis, Bob Scorzo and Ray Wolak. Also present was Councilman James Freda and Councilman Adam Barish. Absent were Mike Airey, Don Burnett, Dana Jacko and Jim Tilton.

Jason Vitale, Kinnelon Resident and volunteer coach for the Majors girls softball team attended. He expressed that he was happy to play in the Montville league. Kinnelon team is getting better and better. He suggested that we get the season going earlier if possible. Indoor training in March would help to hit the ground running. He had heard other towns were seeing small registrations in recreation softball. Whippany combined with East Hanover this year. It has become more common to combine with other towns. Jason would like to bring back enthusiasm to softball program. Jason has 3 travel girls. Montville has a lot-but they don't have a middle school team. Our middle school softball girls don't have to play rec. Rick Millis said, if we don't have a strong rec program-we won't have a travel program.

Jason said he has 14 girls this year-36 last year-Ritacco and Burnett-some went to club, some on middle school team. Jason's daughter is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Jason, recruitment in Stonybrook? Kim Shadek has passion-need the girls going to school talking about it to generate excitement. Thank you to Jason and for his efforts.

Jason's recommendation-winter clinic (like in Clifton). Drills clinic. Fundamentals. Quality of play went up. Rick-scheduled practices and games. When do I teach them? Outside organizations coming in? Frozen Ropes, said Jim Freda. Will work with anyone. Melanie recommended the Kiel School. Use soft core balls. Put up a net.

### **Current Programs and Business:**

Softball – Montville was not near as organized as Kinnelon. But it is working well. Division of Montville wasn't great. Schedules will be much much earlier next year.

Baseball – going great, tball, needs smaller teams possibly 8- a little bit chaos. Mike Airey is stepping down-need to fill the spot, possibly with 2 people.

Lacrosse – Everything going great-Lax clinic going well. A conflict of coach pitch on Monday and Lax Clinic. Some kids moved up to coach pitch. Bob Scorzo said not many knew the sports and were reluctant to help. Bob got neighbor and high school kid to help out.

Girls lax – going wonderful – ice cream social. Almost entire group of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade players were working the Wednesday night clinic run by Coleen LaBanca.

Both Program heads, Colleen LaBanca and Mike C. are extremely organized.

Shed at KRP looks great. Check Received from KYBA.

Netting at KRP, tabled. Scoreboard, we have conduit plans-finally getting somewhere.

Summer Camp related – huge wait list – upped the number to 150-155. A mom said some signed up just to hold the spot and doesn't intend to stay. They believe they will get refunded anytime. Hurts waitlisters. Melanie proposes an email sent that tells registrants the deadline for refund is May 30. After that no refund. Policy: For the Summer Recreation Camp there is no refund or credit after May 30<sup>th</sup> for the 2015 Discovery Camp.

Motion made to approve summer camp refund policy: Kevin Goldstein – Bob Scorzo seconds – all were in favor. Motion Passed

There was discussion that Casey Schuckers will be brought on to work one day at the Discover Camp because the two head counselors cannot be there the first day.

April Minutes – Motion made to approve Minutes by Kevin Goldstein. Seconded by Ray Wolak. All in favor. The Motion Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM