



Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2017

In attendance: Andrew Zaborney, Rich O'Brien, Diane Spiegelhoff, Donna Faulkenberry, Chris Hill, Steve Zmijewski, Jim Curnal, Paul Wasserman, Dan Auciello

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes from the February meeting: Steve Zmijewski made a motion to accept the February minutes. Donna Faulkenberry seconded, and all were in favor.

COMPLETED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Rutgers Coach Certification Class
 - 9 students in class
 - Ran from 9 AM to 12:03 PM
 - The next class will be in September
 - The curriculum for teaching the certification class will be updated before then
 - Rich O'Brien and another REC Board member will need to attend
 - Will cost around \$40-\$50 per person, and it will take 6-7 hours
 - Next time – add AED training to the class?
 - Will add time to the class, which may deter people from coming

STATUS OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS

- Volleyball
 - Program is running well
- Floor Hockey
 - Two weeks are left in the program
 - New hockey pucks and sticks are needed for next year
 - Will cost around \$200
 - Can order from Gopher
 - Bob and Tom are set to run the program next year
- Basketball: Adult
 - No report

- Indoor Soccer
 - The program is running well
 - Two weeks are left
 - One week after a break on St. Patrick's Day
 - The new balls work well, but they are too hard for the younger kids
 - Need to find softer ones for next year
 - Need new, collapsible nets for next year too
 - Can try to order from Gopher

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

- Flag Football
 - 151 players are signed up
 - Have 25 coaches so far
 - Program will be held on Sundays at 9:15, 10:15, and 11:15 AM
 - Majors and seniors will play first, then the minors (who don't need referees)
 - Will run from April 2nd – June 11th
 - Any rainouts will be made up on Mondays
 - Have breaks on Easter, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day Weekend
 - The schedules for the major and senior leagues went out Friday, March 10
 - Minor league schedule already out
 - 25% of the program is made up of people living outside of Spotswood
 - Equipment has been ordered
 - The referees are set up
 - Will cost \$240 a week
 - Ordered around 185 shirts
 - Ordered from East Coast Sports
 - Cost around \$7-8 each
 - Registration was open until Friday, March 10
 - All players registered after cutoff number were put on a wait list to allow new coaches to register
 - Still have spots open, they will be added to teams
 - Have 2 high school students playing
 - One coach was certified in Howell – they can coach if they were trained for 3 hours as per the law
 - 2 people can't play until they pay for previous events, they are trying to do so before the season starts
 - The grass will be cut every two weeks
- T-Ball
 - Registration open until March 15th

- 43 players and 12 coaches registered
 - Some coaches may not be Rutgers Certified, a background check still has to be run
- Will run from Saturday, April 1st – June 10th
 - Memorial Day weekend will be taken off
- One more email blast will be sent out about the event
- Opening day is not a big event right now, many kids don't want to leave their parents
 - Can maybe give out snacks this year
- There is a pizza party and trophies are given out at the end of the program
 - Can try to run the Olympics that day too
 - Wasn't popular in the middle of the season in previous years
- Fishing Derby
 - Chris Hill will take over the event this year
 - Want to hold it on Saturday, May 20th
 - Need to verify this with the town and Emergency Squad
 - Sunday, May 21st will be the rain date
 - The area around the dam will need to be cleaned
 - Parents need to have a license if they want to fish
 - Need to buy prizes for the event
- Easter Egg Scramble
 - Will be held April 8th in the high school gym
 - PTA will be a part of this event
 - Admission price – donation to CUP food pantry
 - Need to find an Easter bunny
 - Will be on the same day as Little League opening day
 - May make the crowd size decrease
 - Event will be moved to 1:30
 - Request will be updated to have the gym until 3:00
 - Staff to arrive at 12:30
 - Andrew Zaborney to take over for Rich O'Brien in announcing the event
- S'Woodstock 2017
 - Will be held on Saturday, June 3
 - Steve from "Crusin'" is set to play
 - Needs another copy of the contract or a new one
 - A S'Woodstock subcommittee meeting is to be held on March 14th at 7:30
 - Other band not going to play, can try to look for another one if necessary

OLD BUSINESS:

- Coach's Thank You Letter Update

- Rich O'Brien wrote a thank you letter to coaches that can be emailed to all of them
- Will send to all coaches who have coached from January 2017 and on
- Letters will be sent out as each season ends
- Letters can be sent to the PTA and Coach Camm as well
- Can send through the registration system or from the Spotswood REC email account
- Communications Updates
 - A reminder will be sent out about T-Ball on Tuesday that registration closed Wednesday
 - Advertising for Easter Egg Scramble will be sent the week of March 12
 - No dates for the Arts and Crafts camp yet, someone asked about them
- By-Laws Revisions / Policy Updates
 - New changes to the By-Laws include a new number of members and specifies that you have to live in Spotswood to be on the board
 - Rich O'Brien made a motion to waive the formal reading of the minutes. Dan Auciello seconded and all were in favor.
 - After a full review and discussion, a motion was made to adopt the new By-Laws. All were in favor.
 - The By-Laws were signed and dated by Andrew Zaborney
 - Next, they will get sent to Dawn and then voted on by the town council
 - Then they can be put on the website
 - Need to get the town council approval before someone new can join the board, but anyone can come observe if they want to
 - Policies were created by a subcommittee for the REC Department regarding:
 - Donations
 - Incident Reports
 - AED
 - Communications
 - Rutgers Certifications
 - Payment Policy
 - How to bring a new program to the board
 - Event Sponsorship
 - Code of Ethics/Parent Behavior
 - Anything that is added will be reviewed at the next meeting
 - Policy will be voted on at the meeting after that
 - Policies will go on the website and in the coach's pamphlet if accepted

NEW BUSINESS:

- New Equipment Supplier

- Need to get a new vendor for equipment since Effingers closed
- Diane Spiegelhoff to look into Sayreville Sports to see if an account can be made with them
- Cannot order from Amazon
- Wrestling Camp
 - Coach Kranski wants to run a wrestling camp like the basketball and football camps
 - He will plan it out and ask the board about it in the future

Donna Faulkenberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Rich O'Brien seconded, and all were in favor.