

## Recreation Advisory Committee Notes

Monday, Feb. 5, 2018

Town Hall Conference Room B, 7 Summer Street

**Call to Order:** 6:05 Meeting called to order.

### Committee Members

**Present:** Ms. Arias- Recreation Director  
Larry Satcowirtz-Select-Board Member  
Rick Hauser,  
Jessica Alonso  
Dayln Luedthe

**Absent:** Ian Sears  
Julianna Sherman

### No Public Comments

### Updates on Current Programs:

#### **Youth Basket Ball League: Ms. Arias reported**

##### **A. Current Youth League**

1. Pre-K&K- First game was Saturday Feb. 3 – March 17.
2. New small hoops were purchased for these younger divisions.
3. PK & K: 28 Kids/3 teams & Grade 1&2: 27 Kids/3 teams
  - a. Games at RES & practices at Braintree

##### **B. 5&6 Tournament;**

- a. 8 - Boy Teams, 5 Girl Teams- Randolph, Northfield, Williamstown, Brandon, Rochester, and Tunbridge.
- b. Café earnings were successful. Parents helped by bring food in and running the Café. \$800.00 in concessions
- c. Girls Champions: Northfield / Girls Runners-Up: Randolph
- d. Boys Champions: Brandon / Runner-Up: Randolph 1

##### **C. Coaches Meeting: Report from Ms. Arias**

Coaches and staff got together for a mid-season meeting to review season and the Brent Wallace tournament. All coaches attended with the exception of 2 5/6 coaches. Many coaches really enjoyed the tournament and really liked that we invited more teams to the tournament. Some coach's expressed concern that some other coaches were not committing to the equal playing time. They all agreed that this was something important and that we all needed to work a little harder to insure that all coaches were doing their best to play all players equally. Ms. Arias

sent the absentee coaches a follow up of the meeting with clear expectations of the remainder of the year.

Recreation Committee discussed the equal playing time concern. Mr. Hauser also had concerns with the matter and commented on to why it was necessary to comply with the rules in a tournament setting. Public Citizen Chris Armstrong (a 5/6 coach) expressed his support for equal playing time in the youth basketball organization. Armstrong stated that by giving equal time to the youth player it doesn't cut the player before they have a chance to excel in the sport. By not giving equal time to the players, the children get discouraged easier and decide not to play as they move up.

Luedthe and Alonso also agreed that equal time for everyone was important as well at the youth level. Ms. Arias brought up the fact that everyone pays the same to be in the youth league therefore all players should have the same opportunity to play.

An alternative which was suggested and carried out was moving a player who is more skilled than others into a different group for example a skilled 2<sup>nd</sup> grader to the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade team. Therefore, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grader is challenged.

#### **Scheduled Items:**

##### **A. Select a new Chair and Vice Chair**

- a. It was decided that we wait until we have a new community member on the committee to select a new Chair and Vice Chair.

##### **B. Subcommittees**

- a. **Mission Statement/Update town Ordinance-** Larry and Rick
- b. **Special Events & working on existing events the town is working on-**Jessica
- c. **Communication Process with surrounding towns-**Dayln, Jessica, Larry
- d. **Exploring New Programing-** Jessica
- e. **Grants& Fundraising-** Rick and Dayln (Dayln asking Norwich Students to help write Grants).

##### **C. Ice Rink Update:**

- a. POS system working well.
- b. Staff working and learning
- c. Good Hockey turnout in evening
- d. Financial Information
- e. Updated electrical
- f. New skate aids- getting rid of creates
- g. Penney's from Heaven Donation: \$535.00 - Learn to skate program
- h. Staff payroll 1-2-18 to 1-28-18 \$3,600.
- i. Risk management was at rink to evaluate:
  - i. Issues: extreme weather, warm weather, & making Ice., No playing Hockey half rink and open skate the other half of rink.

**Meeting Closed at 7:15 pm**