

THE JOAN SCHAEFER RECREATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES – FEB. 2016

The monthly meeting of The Joan Schaefer Recreation Committee was called to order by Chairman Jim Bishopp at 8:10 PM. A motion was made to accept the Minutes from the previous meeting by Dennis Smith, second by Vinny Malley. All were in favor.

PRESENT: Ora Kornbluth, Rob Gillman, Jim Bishopp, Ed Volmer, Mariann Canino, Steve Carmona, Vinny Malley, Joe Nardini, Dennis Smith, Irina Tesoriero, Melissa Weigl

ABSENT: Mark D'Esposito (BofE meeting), Jim Ladato, Steve Neff

GUEST: Jim Butler

The regular course of business was waved so that Jim Butler could inform the Committee of a softball tournament to raise funds for BHS scholarship fund. Jim told the Committee the he and Deputy Kyle Witty were hoping to run a softball tournament for ages 15 and above, co-ed teams, and mostly run by BHS students with our help. The tournament dates would be over the Memorial Day weekend.

Jim suggested the entry fee be \$250 a team. All funds to go to a scholarship fund for BHS students. Registration forms can be done on line through Dick's Sporting Goods and Blue Sombrero.

Discussion on how to go about running the games, where to have the games, who would supply bases and softball balls, etc. were discussed. Who should play on the teams (how many females, how many males, how many under the age of 18) were all discussed and left to be figured out as the tournament comes closer.

Rec. Committee had no problem helping out with this event.

Jim can be reached at JButler@Bergenfield.org or Jimbutts@gmail.com, phone: 551-486-3021

REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS THEN CONTINUED

ROB: Rob informed the Committee that actual paper field permits would be given out to each organization assigned a field stating days they have the fields and times. These permits are being given out to hopefully help clarify who has the space and when they have it.

All volunteer coaches that have taken the Rutgers Safety Class and the on line concussion class will be presented a lanyard and "some sort" of identification on it – not sure it will be a picture, this ID will need to be worn whenever a coach, or assistants are on a court or field to know they are up to date with borough and BOE requests for the class and concussion certificate.

AED's: Bergenfield fields are getting six automated external defibrillators. Bobby Byrnes Jr. the Safety Co-ordinator will be installing three at Memorial Field, one at the PAL complex, one at Hickory, one at Vivyan.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Rob asked Ed if his daughter's friend would be willing to be the bunny again this year, Ed said he would check. Dennis Smith volunteered his daughter Kelly if that didn't work out. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 19 at Memorial Field. Volunteers from the Committee are needed to help with the Hunt.

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A few ideas were kicked around the help avoid the problems that occurred last year. Irina said she has some games left from the Valentine's party they had for the Lou Harris Challenger Basketball program and would be glad to set them up at the Hunt. Maybe some of the children could play the games while some hunted for an egg. Also suggested we make bags up ahead of time and hand out one to a child. Rob was going to try and get baskets from Linda Hreuska. Rob is ordering 350 easter bunnies from Marzipan maker who donates the bunnies each year.

Field allotment gets approved at the BOE meeting tonight. Weather permitting the fields can be used starting the first or second week of March.

FAMILY FUN DAY: Irina getting quotes for fireworks. The county stage has been assigned to another organization so not available to us. Looking for alternatives. Ambulance Corps getting food trucks, two have shown interest so far. Ambulance corps are looking into having stilt walkers, lazer tag, and characters from Frozen at the event. Irina is looking into a video game truck that has five screens and would allow 20 kids at one time.

LL: Angel reported there were 225 kids signed for baseball, 40 softball players who would be using the PAL fields for their home games. There are two 10U teams, one each of 12U and 14U. Tryouts are Sunday at BHS. 2:00 Majors, 4:00 Minor and 6:00 Softball

CHALLENGERS: Irena reported there has been a lot of interest in basketball. They had 33 kids originally with another 12 just joining. They have extended the season until March 12. Irina thanked the Committee members that attended and helped out at the Valentine's party held at BHS. Also thanked the Girl Scouts and Brownies who donated their time. Irina further stated that were was interest in the baseball program that LL would be running. Baseball usually runs Challengers on Wed and Sunday.

A question was asked about parents wanting or possibly needing to help out their kids if they need help on the court or field. Rob said all that was needed for parents was a Rules of Conduct for insurance purposes.

Further, Irina is hoping to continue the Challenger program through the summer with a music, art and science program at the library for 12 weeks for those who not particularly interested in sports. Will cap the summer program at 40.

Chief has been sending police officers to partake at the Challenger basketball program.

CPR: LL is sponsoring a CPR class on Sat. March 5 at BHS. There will be two sessions one at 8:30 am and the other at 1:00.

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WRESTLING: Had good year. Sunday are the Districts at Hackensack HS. Bergenfield was sending 19-20 kids. They had four 1st place finishers and 3 second place. Ed would like to host a dual meet next year at RWB.

BBL: Registration will be Monday, March 7, Wed. March 9 at the Pavilion from 6-8. Thinking of having a 13-14 tournament in summer.

PAL: Basketball will be finishing on Sunday, March 13 with play-off finals in Bronco, Pony and Sr. Girls divisions. This has been the best year for gym usage in a very long time. The janitors now receive email getting times and days teams will be using gyms.

Someone asked about door being locked at Jefferson and that it is hard to get in and maybe putting a phone number on the door so you are able to get into the gym.

VOLUNTEER COACHES CLASS: The next class will be March 9 or 16 hopefully, at BHS starting at 7:00.

Their being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM

THE NEXT RECREATION MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 28, 8:00 pm AT THE PAVILION AT MEMORIAL FIELD.

Respectfully Submitted

Mariann Canino, Secretary

PS: EASTER EGG HUNT; STARTS AT 10:00, needs volunteers at 9:00. THANKS.