August 17, 2023 minutes – 5:00 rec meeting

Present: Dan, Pat Clune, Elizabeth, Tim Maxson, Tyler Burhans, Olivia Congdon, Joe Condon, Zach, Ryan Dubois (observing)

Absent: Gary Harrington, Erin Donovan

Football folks:

* Steve Franco
* Jason Ciccioni 11th year coaching
* Jason Reynolds 3rd year coaching
* Doug Pascerilo – 6th year coaching
* Richelle Cicioni
* Matthew Small – former rec committee and coach
* Steve Foster – started coaching youth football when s

Football comments:

* Jason C– if there are problems with me, it should go to Zach. We have a practice plan and game plan with a system to make sure that kids are getting to play in different roles and for the games.
* Steve – we always had one coach who checked the plays to make sure that kids are playing in a fair way.
* Made clear that the village does not have a policy restricting who can and cannot coach.
* Background checks – done and sent to Zach
* 4 is the right number to run practices and to run games.
* Jason selects coaches, before me it was Mike Falls, then KC Slade, then Quinn
* Jason – my kids are 9 and 15. Talked about how there needs to be a better line of communication between football and the board.
* Steve Franco – in addition to background checks, we need another way to pick coaches to avoid having people who are yellers and have caused problems for the teams.
* Tim offered to be on the football board
* Ward – it seems like there needs to be more groundwork for doing certain things and doing certain things. Are they qualified. Are they interested.
* EM – we might need more of a role for whomever takes the rec director job. Who can be a coach and a player and what are the policies that should be in place.
* JC – we are in the route 81 league. It is run through the CYB and there are 7 teams. Zach said they do not have rules about who coaches. It does specify rules and plays per kid.
* Dan – village has rec supervisor to look at how things are looking.
* JC – very proud of homer
* Doug – cares about protocols being communicated to football.
* Joe C – doesn’t want to exclude kids or coaches.
* Zack thinks we have junior 36/14 wait list; senior – 28/6 wait list
* We have two full teams at the junior level. Senior team that they are trying fill. Complications then about the equipment that is available.
* Zach will work on a registration with the 14 kids to get them off the waiting list. Can also look at the budget tomorrow and purchase things. Also mentioned game jerseys -but they think they are all set on this.
* They are mostly set on flag coaching as well.
* Went over the problems of just letting kids off the waiting list cuts either way – no one gets enough time, or we have kids who are unable to play who want to be part of the team.
* Complaint about Calale field mosquito problems – it needs to be sprayed and they would like it passed on to the village;
* Raised idea that we create a spreadsheet for the rec director to handle complaints raised by parents about our various programs.
* Vote for USA football grant authorizing the board to apply – Unanimous to ask the rec director to complete the grant application (or Dan if there is no director)
* Cortland Youth Bureau - like to see the money for scholarships for kids to participate in camps or programs or build a pickleball court. Folks can email me with ideas by Monday if there are extra money vote to support applying the grant – unanimous vote to pursue grants
* Helmets – just a few days to get new helmets – if there is extra money in our line for equipment, we would like to buy a few more helmets.
* Zach is still working on an EMT contract with the youth bureau.
* Soccer registration is ongoing and Zack is excited about it.
* We still need an EMT bag. Asked about whether the fire department might help and Tim did not know.
* We are supposed to step in to a practice/game to see how things are going.
* The music this summer was great – last night especially.

Next meeting on September 21, 2023 at 5:00