

Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting February 7th 2024

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Chairman Rivas stated that we will have a football program next season

Gerry Aponte
Dumont Resident

Mr. Aponte stated that the communication between the people in charge needs to improve. Mr. Aponte coached in the program this past season, he ran Jr. Football for 8 years also coached in other towns. He takes a lot of pride in what he does. Mr. Aponte Dose not want to run the program but will offer to help out.

George Stender
Dumont Resident

Mr. Stender Stated that everything going on here is not about the kids all bout the adults. Who doesn't like this one and who doesn't like that one or who doesn't me. Eventually in effects the kids. Mr. Stender stated that all the people in this room is at fault for what's going on. Has anybody thought of asking the kids who should go and who should stay.

Louie Velluzzi
Dumont Resident

Mr. Velluzzi stated that he has coached in this town for over 16yrs. He has coached football since his son was in 1st grade. Mr. Velluzzi spoke about how the football program was run in the past we had a board that dealt with any issue. A current problem is we have coaches that have no knowledge of the game which makes teaching the game very difficult. This program is supposed to help to improve the High School program. Unfortunately, there are a number of kids going out of town to other schools. We need to improve all of our programs so the kids stay in town. It is really a shame that because of the actions of several parents a program with 60 kids in it has to be put through this miss, the issue is not the kids but the parents who are worrying about playing time for 9-year old's.

Commissioner Diore made a motion to close the public portion of the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Shoyinka. Roll call taken motion carried.

Director Report

No Report at this Time

Program Reports

Commissioner Harris

- Fall- 473 Players
 - Recreation
 - 351 Players in 4 Divisions (K-8th grade)
 - 21 teams
 - 4&5-year-old clinic
 - Challenges: practice and game schedule, especially with lights, weather; fields being prepared for practices and games (grass cut & fields lined)
 - Travel
 - 122 Players
 - 26 girls & 95 boys
 - 10 teams (8 boys 2 girls)
 - Growth from 4 teams in 22-23
 - Challenges:
 - Field Availability for practices and games, especially after rain (need to wait at least 3 days to play on certain fields)
 - Lack of lights
 - fields being prepared for practices and games (grass cut & fields lined)
 - Appropriately sized goals
- winter
 - 7 Travel teams playing at Teaneck Armory in winter session 1 & 2
 - D division clinic- training for top D division players with travel trainer (12 players)
- Spring
 - 10 teams- season starts March 24th

Purchased Veo- games recorded to analyze play and improve practices

Wrestling

Season going well there 75 kids in the program. This Saturday we have a match against River Dell, next Saturday the district matches will start.

Football

No Report

Commissioner Hayden

Softball

Winter

- Winter Training for Travel programs at Fieldhouse (1 hour/week)

Spring

- Current Registration- 180 players (1 week left); last year 201
- Spring- recreation program grades K-8
 - K-5 should remain in town
 - 6-8 will play in Kinderkamack league due to low volume at these grades
- Partner with Baseball
 - CPR class March 5th at DHS to ensure all coaches are trained in CPR
 - Opening day parade- April 13th
 - Coaching Class for all coaches
- Free clinic to all recreation players at Fieldhouse
 - March 23rd & April 6th
 - Parents invited to learn practice opportunities/coaching opportunities
- Purchased AED for Columbia and Twin Boro
- Will host Umpire clinic for HS students who umpire our Junior level games
- Will host Beginner Pitching clinic?

Summer

- Goal to have 5 travel teams, which will begin mid-June to end of July

Needs:

- Timely payment to Fieldhouse for winter training
 - Instructed that services needed to be completed prior to payment
- Date for coaching certification class
- Follow up on Scoreboard
- New Shed for field equipment, now that Twin Boro is a field that is shared by all sports
 - Provide a new shed for field equipment, allowing softball to keep the equipment that was purchased to be kept separate

Commissioner Diore

Cheering.

No Report

Commissioner Shoyinka

Girls' Volleyball:

-We are currently in the process of looking for a new coach

Current Coach Nicole Paduano will no longer be available to run the program (job location change)

Program would like to keep practices on Tuesday's and Thursday's for the spring season

Track and Field:

No report

Summer Basketball:

No report

Commissioner Rivas**Men's Softball**

Registrations are currently open and will be closing on 2/19

As of today, we have 42 registered players and are hoping to get to 84 signups

Our goal is to have 6 teams of 14 players

We are looking to start the season around 4/1

Requesting a permit for Monday to Friday from 8PM to 10:30PM

Roller Hockey

No Report

Commissioner Diore**Cheering**

No report at this time

Commissioner Prepis**Girls Basketball**

We are 5 weeks into the rec season. No issues.

Most travel teams have played about half of their schedule. No issues there either.

We are working on our end of year party plans, which will be in March.

Boys Basketball

REC:

145 kids.

3 divisions (2/3, 4/5, 6/7/8)

4 teams per division.

HS will ref games.

Practice began around 1/15/24.

Games began 2/3/24.

End of season playoff/championship games 3/20/24-3/23/24.

See attached schedule - adjustments may be made to accommodate coaches' schedules.

TRAVEL:

143 kids.
2 teams per grade - 2nd thru 8th.
Playing in NJJBL League.
Season ends around 3/12-3/15/24.

Old Business

Commissioner Harris spoke about the score board that was installed in the wrong place and had to be taken down. We need to find a new place and have it Installed

New Business

We will need to open nominations for the office of chairman.

The Chairman's term runs for 2 years
Chairman Rivas open the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Hayden nominated Commissioner Harris for Chairman
Commissioner Petriello nominated Commissioner Rivas For Chairman

Chairmen Rivas stated that Vice Chairman Devito is no longer a member of the Commission.
We will to have a vote for the Vice Chair

Commissioner Diore nominated Commissioner Rivas for Vice Chair
Commissioner Rivas nominated Commissioner Petriello for Vice Chair

Commissioner Harris made a motion to establish a Sub Committee to review the By-Laws. 2nd By Commissioner Diore. Roll call taken motion carried.

Chairmen Rivas will assemble a committee to review the By-Laws
Commissioners Hayden, Prepis, & Petriello expressed and interest to serve on the committee

Commissioner Hayden present a form to obtain league information It will be reviewed and discussed at future meetings

Commissioner Diore Made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Commissioner Shoyinka.
Roll call taken motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectively Submitted



Tony Como
Recreation Director