

North Hanover Twp. Recreation Advisory Committee

Minutes of the meeting held Feb 6, 2018

Present: T. Berben, M. Benedetti, A. Benedetti, S. Herbert, J. Kocubinski, N. Mannuccia, C. Noble, A. Reading, J. Tartaglia, S. Waszkiewicz

Excused: M. Johnson

Chairman Berben opened the meeting at 7:30, 3 members of the public were present. An open discussion was begun after Twan recapped the committee positions that were coming to an end of their terms- Scott in 2019, Matt in 12/2018, Stan 12/2018, Joe resigning at the end of basketball season this year.

Angela stated she is not comfortable with the division of Community Events into separate chairs responsible for each event as this may cause the kind of confusion experienced at the Tree Lighting of 2017, where a very small change in personnel (volunteers) caused a lot of dissension and hurt feelings all around. Recreation felt burned, ladies' auxiliary may have felt under appreciated. This may have been the season an invoice from 2016 was sent our way that was never part of the Twp expense for the event. As a result, the Twp. Committee sent the essays through John Kocubinski and Twan that they want each event to have an identified, named coordinator who could be a member of the Community Events committee other than the chair people of that committee. This is how Twan thought he had delivered the message. Each event will have a documented Play book, that should have a clear contact list naming the people who have volunteered from the public for years to do their part along with their contact info and a calendar of events approximating what is to be ordered when, who will set up, break down, buy, greet, budget, etc. Angela states she had seen the so-called playbook inherited from prior committee members and it was a disorganized mess of random notes; rather than an organized tool. she prefers to have a position that allows her to, as chair of an event, plan, coordinate, and have a clear idea of an outstanding outcome of any event she has associated herself with. Twan and John both indicated they believe that is the goal and wish of the Twp committee in having the Community Events Committee identify a Point Person for every community event. This person's name will be on the communications to the volunteers identified in the playbook and this person will be the final say in any questionable issue.

Marie, who has a different job where the chance of leaving "on time" is always in jeopardy stated she needs more help with the Movie Night. Stan and Scott volunteered.

NBIAA chairman Andrew Easton was present and asked to speak about the baseball changes and why they have come about. North Hanover voted to regionalize girls' rookie softball because there were not enough girls in the towns interested in the sport to make teams. It was a trial year last year. North Hanover did not want all the rookies being regionalized, just the girls. He has been chairman one year, and during the year he gathered information, and got into the detail of the cost as it is always going up. The NBIAA does not carry money, it just collects fees to cover the expenses. With NH not registering through the NBIAA system, the reimbursement of costs does not come in time to pay the bills as they are due. Specifically, the towns are billed for

uniforms, at the rate of what was expended not at a profit. Umpire and referee invoices are billed out by team, some teams have 8 players, some have 10. Twan remembers an expectation on the part of NH that we'd been quoted a "not to exceed \$100" per player. Andrew says he does not know how anyone could make a statement like that and he could not say the same.

The discussion went on to say if NBIAA took the registrations regionalized for 3rd and 4th grade girls we would be left with only T-ball and children would play with children they don't know from school. travel out of town is always a concern.

On the subject of Paying g for new uniforms, Andrew said he does not have historical documents for uniforms or if or why they may have been new each year. Chris Powell, of NH, a coach volunteer spoke that he'd coached regionalized rookie girls and had it not been for the regionalization there would not have been a team this year. But he also added that. the in-town programs are disorganized and maybe that is part of why there is a lack of participation. Getting uniforms back at the end of the season was a problem with parents failing to perform and emails not being returned.

Frank Barkowski, a soccer coach agreed, and said he is not happy with the way our programs communicate. Angela Reading stated her husband is disappointed. And feels when you constrain people too much they don't come out. Chris Powell stated he feels right program is very "status quo". John Kocubinski said he asked the Twp committee to address the \$35/\$65 increase and the Twp Committee said to limit the increase to max \$35. The differential is paired to NBIAA by North Hanover.

Andrew deals with 4 different twps and that they feel like they are giving up control by regionalize, but what is the alternative if people don't regionalize there will not be enough players. Activities suggested by his committee volunteers include running clinics, getting into tournament Space but these things can cost up to A couple hundred dollars.

Mansfield didn't want to raise the fees because it wanted to keep the costs low and pay at the end of the year, but NBIAA bills have to be paid and not a year late. refs were provided for games, registration fees not collected cause a lag in payments made to vendors supplying services.

NBIAA is in transition as Colleen Herbert is resigning and knows a lot of the history. He brought worksheets for Twan, including cost per participant info.

Rookie, mini, major breakdowns of insurance. Insurance is through Babe Ruth and we are under the Babe Ruth Charter, therefore have liability coverage. He (Andrew) requested a certificate of insurance for the players that come over to regionalized. Twan asked for the number of rookie girls that signed up. There is confirmation that there is no talk of regionalizing the rookie boys. only 5 girls signed up for Majors.

Twan made a Motion: Motion to regionalize girls rookie softball. Second was Scott Hebert, all ayes.

Zack Boyce, public, and Andrew talked about ways to engage the parents into participation. Shared some strategies. Joe added that sometimes the issue is that parents have seen unreasonable parents and they don't want to deal with them.

Tony Benedetto, the chairman for baseball and softball reported that the registration period is now closed and infield mix was not used due to weather.

Basketball report: Joe reported that we owe the NBIAA. He names Spencer Carol might be owned \$35; Amos Callahan's daughter was the only rookie girl to sign up, Bryan Wydell couldn't find the code for the uniform online, and what is the date for the recognition event?

Easter Egg Hunt, Casey gave Twan the flyer for approval to print and distribute. She will gain the school approvals needed, cc Fran and Twan and PDF it. Bunny volunteer needed, Joe's daughter who has done it for several years is available and volunteers again this year.

Both Angela and Casey asked for the specific budget for the Easter egg event and for each event.

Twan asked Nancy for the phone and contact list for the committee members specifically with cell phone numbers.

Fields report, Stan reported that March 10 is the tentative Field Cleanup day weather permitting, games begin the first week of April. He will keep an eye that they're firm enough for trucks.

Sponsorships: how about a radiant LED full color message board under \$10,000 for near the school with scrolling Events. Use trust money. How about making sure the basketball a scoreboard at CBLamb is in working order or is it the outlet? joe said he will try to go back and get the status from facilities Jane.

Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

NancyLu Mannuccia