

Sabattus Rec Club
March 20th Meeting Agenda
Sunday 4/10/16
6:00 pm

Members present:

Chad Drouin, Amy Sheehy, Deb Delano, Josh Adams, Jill Boulanger, Rod Cote, Mary Dillman, Dan Dion, April Harris, Pete Letourneau, Bob Levesque, Jon Mennealy, Bob Michaud, Randy Pelkey, Claire Surette, Justin Valliere, Aaron Wright

Excused

Deb Whitaker, Devon Delano, Stephanie Pelkey

Absent:

Michelle Barker, Deana Coburn, Christine Oliver, Chad Richard, Jeff Saucier, Mike Shannon, Shelly Wheeler

Agenda Items:

Accept Secretary's Report from the last meeting

Josh first

Pete Second

Accept Treasurer's Report from the last meeting

Josh first

Pete Second

New Business:

- 1) Advertise for volunteers on the website
 - Would like a list of needed coaching/director needs to put on the website to advertise for volunteers
 - Baseball may still be looking for a couple of coaches-not sure yet

- 2) Website update - Deb Whitaker
 - Chad read Deb's update
 - Devon asked if there was a charge for editing online
 - Wants fall sports registration to get those loaded soon
 - a. **Website domain needs to be transferred ASAP**
 - Deb W to go to 1:1.com or GoDaddy.com and register and a new generic account
 - Don't register for a domain name
 - Get account number and email to Bob
 - Bob can transfer the sabattusrec.com domain name to this new account.
 - **Website access/rights for Directors-**
 - If you don't have access to website send Bob an email
 - New contact list went out via email today.

- 3) Discussion and vote on appropriate ages for volunteers & coaching staff
 - Should we consider high school students for coaching staff?

- Could we consider a high schooler to coach the younger teams?(first /second grades)
- Have we had a minimum age requirement in the past?
- At the high school and MPA minimum age of 21 and NYSCA is 18

- Suggestion to utilize high school kids as assistant or junior coaches.
 - We do not want them consider as a buddy but more as a coaching figure
 - We want to consider the same thing for high school players
“helping/volunteering”
 - Gardner youth hockey does allow junior coaches, and they have a rules and responsibilities
 - They are interviewed by the head coach
 - depends on the maturity
 - Rec to consider having junior coaches that are not NYSCA certified/background checked if they are working under another coach. These cannot be left alone to run the practice because they operate under your guidance.
 - Bob to try to get a copy of the junior coach guidelines/contract for our review and use.
- a. President suggested a minimum age of 21 for head coach can be a junior and anyone under needs rules and regulations and requirements and can be
 - *Josh first*
 - *Pete Second*

4) Sabattus Rec Secretary Position

- a. Deb D will help out temporarily
- b. Post this need on the website

Old Business:

1. Budgets and Fairplay

- Fieldhockey
- Fall cheering
- Football-fairplay

2. Update on NYSCA and Background checks

- This is costing us a lot of money
- We were taking \$5 per registration but everyone is doing it now as it is new (our misc funds are going down quickly)
- Very costly right now, hoping it will “even out” as the year goes on.

Question on “WHO” needs to be certified:

- If parents assist during practice, do they need to do background check?, but are not coaching or leading the team. (they are running drills)
- If not coaching, not assistant coach- one of these two always have to be at practice but are still in contact with the child.
- We have some people who volunteer themselves and we want to stop that
- Group agreed to have them do background checks (coach, assist, a 2 others)
Town Liability insurance rider:

- Per Dan we used to send the town a list of all volunteers per team and they would put them on a volunteer insurance rider for liability insurance on top of our nysca insurance)
- Decision: if we are going to use these volunteers regularly, then they should be coaching assisting and volunteering will do NYSCA and background check

3. Scholarships

- These went out at high school before we updated them
- We will have to do it by May 1st
- Was there a change in eligibility?
 - Anyone who has participated in sabattus rec-don't have to go our schools.

4. Code to shed

- Directors and Officers only
- Chad will be changing the code tonight 4.10.16

Program Updates:

Basketball

- Officially down to one director
- Will need another and will post that on the website

Wrestling

- wrapped up last weekend
- 4 kids wrestled-one new England champion 2 thrid place
- Pool party next weekend for end of season
- Good with directors, coaches coming back next year
- Always looking for new help

Cheering

- Wrapped up season yesterday
- Last comp was march 26
- Deb and Steph-Cheerleading coaching conference in RI
- Good on directors and coaches

Running

- Wednesdays at 6pm – meet at mixers
- 2, 3.4 joggers/walkers
- Planning for a scrabble scramble
 - Any Saturday following May 7th-games end around 1pm
 - No games memorial day weekend
- Want to do a kids fun run in july

Baseball

- Registrations are closed-110
- Field clean up tentatively scheduled for 4/23
- All teams are rostered
- ? on a few coaches
- Missing check for sponsorship from main street market
- Missing a few checks from a few parents

- Need to get equipment organized and handed out to coaches
- Season starts on may 7th

Babe Ruth

- Fairplay policy distributed & approved
 - *Josh first*
 - *Pete Second*
- Budget distributed & approved
 - *Pete first*
 - *Justin Secon*
- Coaches- all set
- Not as many choices for kids in this age group not as many are signing up
- We have other towns players join our team
- We have 12 kids
- There are a few (newer kids that have no skill, haven't played in years) that would not be safe for them to play
- Leeds and Turner may have a lot of kids, so we may accept them to play here
- Their season doesn't start until middle of may

Softball

- Registrations are closed but may open to allow
- Lisbon doesn't have a 12 u
- Our numbers are down from last year (almost 30 kids)
- Just completed 6 week softball clinic (total of 30 kids)
- Good fundraiser
- Will need one director next year

Lacrosse

- All registrations are closed
- 3,4,5,6 started last week
- 78 starts on Monday
- Coaches lined 3 fields today
- Carrie Ricker field is a lot softer then the middle school field (but they have been given limitations due to baseball)
- New to lacrosse-at the 7/8 level, having a set up organized study hall with volunteer parents after school and have been given a classroom, hoping to have kids pass their classes
- About 80 Registrations came in
- Coaches and directors are good
- Volunteers at kiddie stix, no head coach (3/4 experienced dads)-full gear kiddie stix

Soccer

- Nothing to report
- All set with directors and coaches

Football (budget was emailed to group)

- Good with directors/coaches
- Sent out 47 helmets for reconditioning
- Getting New jerseys for ¾ from Gee and Bee and getting 4 adult jerseys for
- Registration costs are going up
- Consider multi family discount
- ?names on the back could be reconsidered
- They have been doing this for 5 years
- Dan Dion first

- Pete second

Field Hockey

- One director stepped down
- Claire waiting to get information from her (code of ethics)
- Looking for another director

Other:

1. The Curtis/Veillieux family lost everything in a fire this past weekend
 - 5 kids, they will be doing a go fund me page
 - Any donations/clothes would be greatly appreciated
 - Rec club to donate \$500
 - Lacrosse 50
 - Wrestling 100
 - Basketball 50
 - Baseball 50
 - Softball 100
 - Football 50
 - Field hockey 50
 - Soccer 50
 - Running 25
2. Pleasant hill road work, (dropping the grade and straightening)
 - This could affect baseball field access
 - Targeted completion date?

Next meeting: Sunday May 15, 2016 6pm (Due to Mother's Day on May 8th)
This is a Mandatory meeting
(Dan Dion-excused)

Adjournment: 6:57pm

Jon Mennealy first
April Harris Second