

**Westbrook Board of Recreation
Special Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2016**

Members Present: Chairman Steve Anderson, Darren Whitehouse, Mike Esposito, Jan Ulanowicz, Jodi Ouellette and Melissa Ehlert.

Also Present: Recreation Director Rich Annino.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Steve Anderson.

Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2016 Special Meeting:

Upon a motion by Mike Esposito, seconded by Jan Ulanowicz, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 21, 2016, as amended.

Director’s Report:

Rich Annino stated that he would give a full report at the September meeting. He did state that it was a very busy summer because summer camp was 10 weeks this year to the low amount of snow days over the winter. Right now, there are a lot of good programs going on. The kid’s theater went really well. Right now, they have 80 kids for the Slamma Jamma.

Soccer Program:

Sub-Committee Report – Discussion and Recommendations:

Jodi Ouellette distributed a document to all members regarding the guidelines and policies for the soccer program. This is what the sub-committee came up with. It includes Mission Statement, Saturday Morning Park & Rec Program, Duration of the Game, Playing Time, General Observances, Players, Westbrook Travel Soccer: U10-U14, Scope and Precedence, The Soccer Sub-Committee, The Coach, Teams, Selection of Coaches, Coaching Responsibilities and Limitations, Player Eligibility, Selection, Participation/Playing Time, Revenues and Receipts, Uniforms, Complaints and Violations and Other. It was stated that this is really a document in progress and a lot of it is already in place. There are a lot of “recommendations” in the document. There is a form that all coaches must fill out and sign. There are not try-outs now but planning for the future. Rich Annino stated that something about switching positions needs to be put in the document so that kids learn to play different positions. The sub-committee will be the liaison and be in communication with the coaches. They will attend coach meetings and be in charge of skill days. These new guidelines really won’t be put into effect until next spring, but we really should have all the coaches fill out and sign the forms now. Mike Esposito asked how it would work if someone breaks a rule. It was stated that the sub-committee would work with the individual to work it out and if that doesn’t work, it would be brought to the Board for a ruling.

Public Input:

Josh Freund and Brad Porter present as members of the public. Mr. Freund stated the he feels it’s important to have rules and that the program really needs to be tailored to the size of the town. Brad Porter stated that he feels that there has been no communication and that other towns started their programs on August first. He feels that this will be hard for the Westbrook kids to start so late. He stated that Westbrook has to be competitive in premier leagues because winning is important too. He suggested maybe starting the kids at a younger age.

Board discussion and vote on specific issues brought up by the sub-committee:

The sub-committee will continue to work to help the program be more organized. Jodi Ouellette stated that she feels that there was a lack of communication happening. Mike Esposito stated that the sub-committee has done a great job coming up with these guidelines.

Upon a motion by Steve Anderson, seconded by Mike Esposito, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve a co-ed U8 team with the stipulation that they have to participate in Park & Rec's Saturday morning challenger program.

(Brad Porter stated that he will work to put together a team)

Possible extension of registration:

Upon a motion by Jan Ulanowitz, seconded by Mike Esposito, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to extend the registration for soccer to September 7, 2016 with no late fee.

Schedule Coaches Meeting:

Rich Annino will schedule a meeting with all the coaches.

5. Old Business:

None.

6. New Business:

None.

7. Approval of Bills:

Upon a motion by Darren Whitehouse, seconded by Jan Ulanowitz, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to approve payment of \$21.08 to Katie Kelemen for Secretarial duties.

8. Correspondence:

None.

9. Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Steve Anderson, seconded by Mike Esposito, it was:

VOTED: Unanimously to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen H. Kelemen, Secretary