

March 24, 2010 5:00 p.m.

Sub-Committee on Youth Sport

Minutes –

Committee members present:

Harry Blood, Jane Fairchild, Eric Porusta, Jon Tolman, Carla Taylor

HB – reviewed committee's last meeting so that everyone was on the same page.

JT—reflected on the Cal Ripken baseball league and Tournament Team format.

The league has been formed with Eric Porusta as the Major League Director for Moultonborough and Jon Tolman the Director for the Minor League. They have prepared schedules, registered players, developed teams and set up clinics. They also handle all day-to-day correspondence with parents. Moultonborough Rec Dept only helps with field logistics.

CT – mentioned there should be some type of skills curriculum available for inexperienced coaches to have for reference.

Everyone was in agreement that they would like to see similar format for the upcoming soccer and basketball seasons available. The model used by the Cal Ripken would be a good starting place.

1. A regular season with tryouts/evaluation.
2. Establishment of a boys and girls travel team on a voluntary basis. This would include tryouts, practices and entry into late season tournaments. The coaches would be responsible for conducting tryouts, organization of the team, providing practices, and handling parental problems as well as handling fundraising if necessary.
3. Creation of a Director for major league play, Director for minor league play, all under the Direction of Hilary Bride—who is responsible for Youth Sport within the Moultonborough Recreation Dept. The Director for each level would be the go-to person for parents or players. The Rec Dept Staff would over see the leagues as it is their guidelines that would be followed as well as provide equipment/uniforms.

The committee also felt that more practice time is needed to coincide with an appropriate amount of games. At least two practices per week and possibly a 10-12 game regular season. It is also recognized that the Fall season would need to begin sooner in order to accomplish this idea.

Financially, the Travel Team scenario would need some additional funding which could be accomplished in a few different ways:

1. Player user fee
2. Corporate sponsorship
3. Friends of Moultonborough Recreation Fund

Essentially the Sub-Committee feels that the model the Cal Ripken League uses is a good place to start. The whole concept seems to be a win-win situation for all parties.

Respectfully submitted,

H Blood