

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Present**

Sue Spang/Chair  
Diane Weston  
Al Giansanti  
Crispin Fresco-Hewes  
Pam Henry  
Vanessa Bunnell /Recording Secretary

**Absent**

Dave Kennedy  
Doug Morrow  
Bob Appleby

**Guests**

Don Bourdeau  
Art Bergman

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Sue Spang.

**1. MINUTES:**

**M/S/C (Spang/Weston) to approve the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 minutes with changes (Pg.1 Item 1, Pg.1 Item 3, Pg.2 b. Baseball/AAU Discussion). Vote: Approved unanimously.**

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

New 2017 fiscal year has started. Expenses reported- Adult softball equipment

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Don Bourdeau Report:

Don to meet with Bob Appleby to discuss Forsyth Plans. 2016/17 Action items discussed, drainage/man hole to redirect water at Round hill Ball Fields/Tennis Court area. The Public Work Dept. while constructing the new drainage found that the old drainage pipe had been blocked by previous construction which contributed to flooding at the playscape and major league field. Recommended "Park closed at Sunset" signs go up with State Trooper enforcement at the ball fields by the Concession stand entrance. A ramp was discussed to provide a safe path to connect the bus parking lot to the Round Hill ball fields in place of walking on Round Hill Street for safety. Also, asked the Commission to discuss what type of walkway construction to install from the parking lot to the major league field.

SYBL Art Bergman:

AAU accessing SYBL Supplies/Bases

The Commission discussed the need for the bathrooms to be open during SYBL games. The porto-potties are there for the general public to use during off hours. With the closure of the bathrooms the Commission has a had to add more porto-potties and additional cleanings.

The Commission discussed the unofficial proposal by some members of SYBL to skin the Babe Ruth field. Members did not think the idea was feasible and would detract from a high quality field.

**M/S/C (Giansanti/ Fresco-Hewes) Not to skin the Babe Ruth field, and replace with portable mound for multi-purpose field. Vote: Approved unanimous**

#### **4. ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS:**

**M/S/C (Spang/ Weston) to add line item c. new member to pg.1 line 5 New business. Vote: Approved unanimous**

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Adult Softball:** All equipment is here, Al Giansanti to revise rules, (Revised Rules attached as separate document). Looking for someone to run this program if our original contact does not respond.

**b. Recreation Clerk Update:** Summer Camps update - No youth tennis this summer, Center strap needs to be replaced on the tennis courts. Working with other towns to coordinate a date for Trick or' Trunk in October. Salem Student ELHS Athletic Achievement awards to highlight players in the next Our Town. 2017 Summer items: Salem Park and Play Summer Camp grades K-5 9-12 at Salem School, Community Tag sale.

**c. New Member:** Discussion of filling vacancy, asking potential candidate Terry Natoli to join the August meeting.

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Volunteer Park** – Bob and Sue to meet with Don/engineers

**b. Baseball – Fall** Ball Registration is open. U12 Boys States 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, U10 Boys district 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, U10 Girls All-star District Semifinals

**c. Soccer** – Andrew McKillop new club president.

**d. Basketball-** N/A

**e. Tennis** – Junior and Adult tennis Summer lessons running now

**f. Multi-purpose Path** –N/A

#### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

Diane Weston to look into 2017 Salem Summer music concert

#### **8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Community Ice Skating Rink** – N/A

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C (Giansanti/ Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. Vote: Approved unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Vanessa Bunnell,

Recording Secretary

## SALEM RECREATIONAL CO-ED SOFTBALL GUIDE LINES. 2016

Have fun, This Recreational league will not tolerate rough or dangerous play on the field, the relaxed nature of the rules should promote enjoyable sportsmanlike games for all.

- CAPTAINS ARE CHOSEN AT RANDOM. IF POSSIBLE, TEAMS ARE PICKED WITH EQUAL AMOUNTS OF FEMALE PLAYERS ON EACH TEAM. ALL PLAYERS BAT DURING THEIR INNING, TEAMS FIELD 10 PLAYERS MAX. BOTH THE MAJOR AND SOFTBALL FIELDS ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR USE.
- MINIMUM AGE IS 21 / CAPTAINS DISCRETION (NO ONE UNDER 18 IS ALLOWED TO PLAY)
- PRIOR TO THE START OF ANY GAME, BOTH DESIGNATED CAPTAINS WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THE GROUND RULES AND THE MINIMUM AGE OF PLAYERS ALLOWED TO PLAY.
- THE RECOMMENDED MAXIMUM PLAYERS ON A TEAM IS 15
- SMOKING, OR THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IS NOT ALLOWED ON ANY SALEM RECREATIONAL PROPERTY
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED
- USE OF VULGAR LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED
- METAL CLEATS ARE NOT ALLOWED
- GAME LENGTH IS 7 INNINGS OR UNTIL DARK
- SALEM RECREATION WILL SUPPLY BATS AND BALLS (ONLY THE SUPPLIED SOFTBALL BATS AND SOFTBALLS ARE ALLOWED FOR PLAY WITHIN THIS LEAGUE) GLOVES AND ATHLETIC SHOES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PLAYERS. NON METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED.
- THE USE OF BASEBALL BATS IS NOT PERMITTED IN THIS LEAGUE (SOFTBALL BATS ONLY)
- OUTFIELDERS MUST REMAIN 15' TO 20' AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE INFIELD. NO "CHEATING UP" TOWARD THE INFIELD WHEN "LIGHT HITTING" BATTERS ARE UP
- CATCHERS MASK IS OPTIONAL- IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CATCHER STANDS FAR ENOUGH BEHIND THE BATTER TO FIELD THE BALL ON A BOUNCE. BASE RUNNERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ADVANCE IF THE CATCHER MISSES A PITCHED BALL
- NO STEALING-NO BASE CAN BE BLOCKED BY ANY FIELDING PLAYER. IF A PLAYER IS BLOCKING THE BASE BATH THE RUNNER WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY AWARDED THE BASE. OVER RUNNING A BASE IS ALLOWED WITHIN REASON. IF THE BALL BEATS THE RUNNER TO THE BAG THE RUNNER IS OUT. (SLIDING TO AVOID COLLISIONS ON THE BASE PATHS IS PERMISSIBLE.)
- HOME PLATE RULE:-NO TAGGING IS REQUIRED TO PUT OUT A BASE RUNNER AT HOME. NO SLIDING IS ALLOWED AT HOME. A FORCE OUT WILL OCCUR AT HOME: a) IF THE BALL IS CAUGHT BY THE PLAYER PLAYING HOME PRIOR TO THE BASE RUNNER CROSSING HOME PLATE. The player covering home must play the plate as a first baseman plays first. They must be within one foot of the plate, they do not have to have their foot on the plate to record the out. THIS IS TO AVOID COLLISIONS AT HOME PLATE No fielder is to impede the baserunners progress.
- PITCHING: RECOMMENDATIONS- 6 PITCHES PER BATTER (WITHIN REASON)
  - 4 FOULS IS AN OUT

- HITTING THE BALL INTO THE WOODS IS AN OUT (THIS WILL BE APPLIED WHILE PLAYING ON THE SOFTBALL FIELD AT ROUND HILL ROAD).
- 3 STRIKES IS AN OUT
- LEGAL PITCH = ARC NOT TO EXCEED 12', BATTER CAN HIT AN ILLEGAL PITCH.
- AFTER 3 HOME RUNS ARE HIT IN AN INNING BY THE TEAM BATTING, SUBSEQUENT HOME RUNS WILL COUNT AS SINGLES.