

East Central Recreational Meeting
January 20th, 2019 7:00 PM
Gerard H. Van Hoof Memorial Library/Civic Center
625 Grand Avenue Little Chute, WI 54140

Roll call by sign-in

Electric City	Adam Kane	Neenah	Nathan Kennedy
FC Menasha	Kevin Otto	NEW United	Vicki King
Heart of the Valley	Mike Buman	Thunder	Jay DeBruin
Kimberly	Wayne Stoflet	East Central	Sue Ann Evers

Review of Rec Season

Recreational games will start May 12, 2019

There was some discussion about reducing the number of Recreational games to nine because the attendance goes down after July 4th. It was decided that East Central would review this issue at the end of the 2019 summer season. The number of recreations games for Summer 2019 will remain at ten games for recreational play.

Number of Recreational players has dropped. Why?

- Many of the recreational players have moved into the Academy setting.
 - A drop in Recreational numbers, but an increase in Academy numbers
- Baseball and other sports are starting at a younger age. Players are making other choices.
- The night of soccer play may be on the same night as baseball
 - It was suggested that clubs look at the various softball programs around the area and record the night of play. An adjustment on the night of play may help us to get more recreational players interested.

Jamboree

Jamboree discussion was held to see if we would like to hold a Jamboree this summer. Because the recreational numbers are down it was decided that there would not be a Jamboree this summer. Further discussion came to a conclusion that this is no longer a viable event. Many recreational families just do not want to travel. If young age players want to travel and have competitive events, they join the Academy program in their club.

Recreational Scheduling

In order to give clubs more time to create recreational teams East Central Scheduling will extend the Recreational Team application until April 7, 2019 (midnight). The team application can be found on the East Central Website: District>Scheduling Process. Click Team Application link.

The following morning April 8, 2019 a schedule will be created for the Recreational teams. Clubs can make adjustments to the schedule until it goes live on April 15, 2019.

Neenah indicated that their 10U Recreational players will join the East Central League this summer.

For the Good of Soccer

How do you get coach volunteers for Recreational teams? Parents just do not want to volunteer.

Suggestion to help get coach volunteers:

- Check with local High Schools and colleges. While the school may not have required volunteer hours many of the clubs that students are involved in have volunteer requirements.
- Some clubs say unless someone volunteers to coach this team it will not be scheduled this season.
- Some clubs have volunteer requirements in order to have their player registered.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Sue Ann Evers
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