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year in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Financial assistance from the school district is unlikely.

Armand Boisvert offered to purchase and deliver the granular mix. He will coordinate delivery with Jane Slayton. The work evenings will also be reviewed with Jane. Steve will coordinate the field work with Ms. Slayton. We will also ask permission to use the storage shed near the softball field as in past years. Proposed dugout improvements will be discussed with the School Board.

Field work will be done the evenings of April 9, 10, and 11, pending school approval.

The Recreation Committee sports were first approved as town activities by the Selectmen some years ago, provided that registration fees offset the anticipated cost of the activity. Registration fees go into the town's General Fund, and the amount appropriated at Town Meeting is the maximum that can be expended by the Town. Fundraising produces unanticipated revenue, which must be expended in the year that it is received. Any additional funds must come from outside sources.

Andover Girls Softball is fielding two Junior teams and one Senior team. Andover Recreation is fielding one Senior team. AGS has met with the School Board to determine what AGS must provide to use the school field, but has not received a reply to date.

AGS has requested to borrow from Andover Recreation Softball practice softballs, helmet bags, Junior's catcher's gear, and backup gear. Steve would review the ARS gear with Melissa and sign out what is borrowed. ARS expects return of the equipment in the same condition that it was loaned. Laro made a motion to allow AGS to borrow softball equipment for the season, seconded by Barton, approved by 7-0 vote.

Mark will order the portable toilet for next week.

April 12

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Ellie George, Howard George, Mike Barton, Steve Nelson, Chairman Roger Laro, and Tom Frantz. Also in attendance were Armand Boisvert, Melissa Thompson, and Laurie Desgroseilliers.

Softball

A discussion of equipment inventory and field needs was the main order of business. Roger stated that he met with Melissa on April 3 to go over equipment. Roger represented that the following equipment was inventoried: 8 junior

bats, 3 chest protectors, 3 catcher mitts, 3 small shin guard pairs, 2 pairs of large shin guards, 1 knee saver, 4 helmets with facemasks, 18 11" balls, 8 12" balls, 12 11" "Incredi" balls, 15-20 dimpled balls, and 2 helmet holders. Roger agreed to do a full equipment inventory.

The next business focused on the needs of the field, including how much lime was needed and where it would be purchased. The discussion also included what equipment was in the shed and who had access to the shed. It was noted that Steve, Melissa and Howard have keys to the shed. A short discussion of what equipment was stored at Hamp House followed. Melissa said she is fine with equipment.

The condition of the field was discussed next. Due to the late season snowstorms, all work was on hold until the weather improved. Howard stated the importance of doing work on the fields in the fall.

Opening Day ceremonies were scheduled for Saturday, May 5.

The status of the dugouts was discussed next. The School Board had previously tabled any decision on the dugouts pending a plan. The Committee agreed that it is unlikely that anything will be done with the dugouts this year.

Signage: The School Board is re-writing its entire policy, but it is clear that signs need to come down at Corson Field, including the Lions Club sign that was left up from last year.

Baseball: There was a short discussion of what Cal Ripken League pays for. Mike indicated that CRL buys all its own lime and its bases.

After a brief discussion about what to call the proposed pumphouse, storage, and bathroom building, the name "Blackwater Multi-purpose Building" was adopted.

Basketball

The Committee discussed the need to get back all the equipment from this past basketball season. The Committee also agreed that we should get a summary of the season from Dave Powers and Debbie Martin at an upcoming Recreation Committee meeting.

Disciplinary Policy

Postponed until the next meeting. After a short discussion of the problems with missing money at a neighboring Little League, it was suggested that Andover's Cal Ripken League consider making its budget public.

May 10

Condensed from draft minutes
Present: Chairman Roger Laro, members Ellie George, Howard George, Alan Hanscom, and Steve Nelson. Tom

Frantz, David Powers, and Mike Barton were absent.

Softball

The meeting began with a discussion of the softball budget.

- Budget: \$925.00
- Expended as of 5/7: \$727.59
- Balance: \$197.41

Umpire costs for two remaining games will total \$60. We are considering participation awards. With Town Meeting cutting the funding of the softball program, a final decision was not determined.

Field conditions are good. Infield gravel was spread after snow melt and before the first games. The field needs to be taken care of after softball games and other use. This includes spraying to control dust and raking. Alan will paint outfield foul lines before Saturday's games.

The Selectmen awarded the mowing contract for Blackwater Park to Howard. Howard mowed Blackwater Park on May 10 and fertilized Corson Field. We would like to ask the Road Agent to grade the parking lot. Roger will contact Mark Stetson.

Proctor Academy is not fielding a softball team this year, so is not using Howard George Field. Baseball will be asked to pay both months of porta-pot-tie rental, usually shared with Proctor. Proctor still did some field preparation this spring, as they usually do.

Blackwater Multi-purpose Building

Cal Ripken League will be approached for a substantial contribution

to the building effort.

Basketball

Kearsarge Basketball has sent a bill for \$208.60 for trophies and \$160 for referees used at the tournament in New London. The games were held in New London at their request instead of at AE/MS, where the games have usually been hosted. The Committee voted unanimously to pay the trophy cost but not the referee cost, as it was their choice to play there. Had the games been played in Andover, referees would have been provided.

The committee will invite Debbie Martin to an upcoming Recreation Committee meeting to discuss the next basketball season.

Soccer

Soccer sign-ups will be at evening school activities in May and June. Deadline will be June 13. Registration fee paid by June 13 will be \$20. After June 13, the fee will be \$25. Watch for notices.

Other Business

Disciplinary Policy: Postponed until the next meeting.

Non-Public Sessions: The committee discussed RSA 91-A:3 relating to subjects appropriate for non-public session. Further, members of the public in attendance at meetings may observe the meeting, but participate in discussion only upon being recognized by the Chairman.

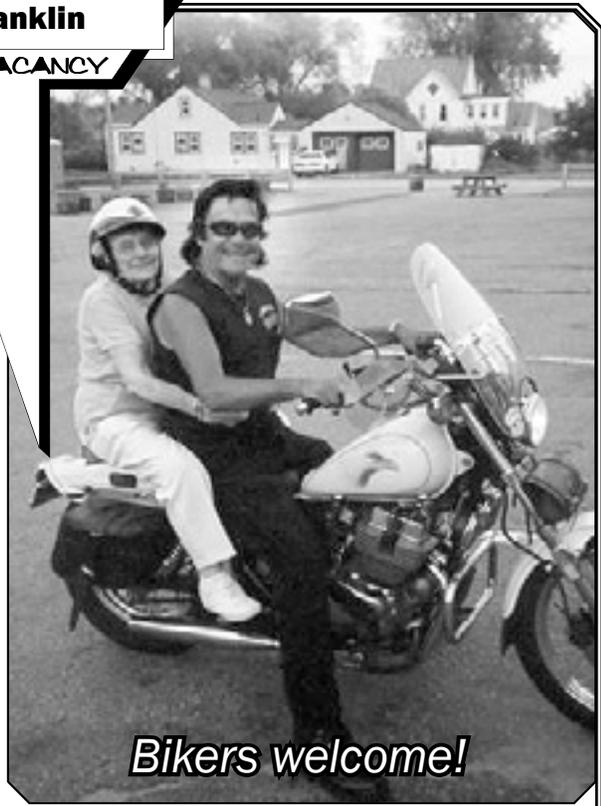
The next meeting was scheduled for June 13 at 7 PM in the AE/MS science room.

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