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# Harris County Recreation Board

# Meeting Minutes

# June 24, 2020

7:00pm – Harris County Community Center

1. **Call to order/Roll Call**

* Start time – 7:08pm
* Mike Fusion; Sondra Moss; Thomas Vowell; Joe Valdes; Brad Johnson; Lee Starling; Rob Grant; Steve Waskey; Ashley Marston.
* Guest – Jeff Spencer

1. **Approval of agenda**

* Motion to approve – Lee Starling
* 2nd – Brad Johnson
* All approved

1. **Approval of minutes**
2. February 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes

* Motion to approve – Lee Starling
* 2nd – Sondra Moss
* All approved

1. **Chairperson’s Report**

* Ordering check. Since we were not able to meet, went ahead and ordered checks
* Also, donated drinks to church ministry since they were about to expire
* All agreed it was ok

1. **Treasurer’s Report**
2. **Treasurer’s Report tabled from February 26, 2020 meeting**
3. **Treasurer’s Report – June 24, 2020**

* Balance of $10,079.95
* Paid $3,056.30 for expired sodas affected by Covid-19 Shutdown; some items were donated
* Can still sell water and Powerade

1. **Discussion of Coke Invoices owed by Communities**

* Late sending invoices to communities due to Covid-19 shutdown

1. **Motion to approve by Sondra Moss; 2nd by Thomas Vowell; all favored**
2. **Recreation Director’s Report**

* **Little League**
* Spring canceled. Had three days in which they refunded checks to players
* Preparing for fall season
* Fencing repair at Pate and Moultrie Park
* **Soccer**
* Spring canceled. Refunded per request
* Preparing for fall season
* New pavilion almost done
* Approved for $105,00 for lights at soccer field for upcoming budget
* **Track did not have a Spring season**
* **Swim Team did not have Summer season**
* **Summer camps canceled**
* **Swim lessons starts in July**
* **Budget approved**
* **Covid 19 future plan for sports**
* **Movie in the Park July 17. Sponsored by Football**
* Football Association having issues with helmets
* Steve Waskey asked Rec Board if the Board would like to help cover cost
* Pres. Mike Fusion: reallocate funds to helmets since we were going to spend the money away
* Thomas Vowell made a motion to donate $1,000 to football to help refurbish helmets as needed in the community; 2nd by Joe Valdes; all approved

1. Budget
2. Old Business
3. **2020 Goals – Discuss**

* Pres. Mike Fusion: looking forward to 2021. Wants us to put thoughts into finishing this year out. Also, in fall sports, we may see more hardships. We’re going to stand behind the kids and help them with all the help we can provide. Need representations on the board help on letting their community know we are here to help.
* Joe Valdes stated to let him know if anyone or community needs help

1. **John Magazu Scholarship – structure**

* Rob Grant: All local scholarships on hold because of college scholarship. Had 24 HC seniors to apply.
* Pres. Fusion: make next year starting year for scholarship
* Lee Starling: need timeline and deadline for scholarship
* Thomas Vowell: add the criteria for scholarship on September/October agenda
* Pres. Fusion: bring/emails on what criteria we think should be included for the scholarship. It will be a September Workshop for the board. Will allow room to add/change as needed. Start off with two recipients (male and female).

1. **New Business**
   1. Coronavirus – COVID-19 – Status/Effects on HC Recreation Dept programs/facilities
      1. **Spring/Summer Sports – update**

* No spitting, no tobacco, no sunflower seeds
* Each player and parent have to sign waiver
* Baseball Covid-19 Return to Play “Best Practices” packet
* Soccer HCYSA Return to Play Guidelines
* Rec Board/Associations/ Steve Waskey will mandate all guidelines
* Boards needs to look over new guidelines/bring to their community and see if any changes need to apply. They are not by-law changes, so do not need commissioner’s approval. But still let them be aware of the new guidelines.
* Pres. Fusion: Who is in charge of new rules because the question will arise in communication to others? Rec Board, Rec Director, or Commissioners? People are going to ask. Also, who’s going to pick up the extra costs in regards to the new rules?
  + 1. **Fall Sports** 
       1. **A. Start/End Dates?**
* Football Registration July 1st
* Conditioning only July 13th
* Practice with helmet only on Aug. 3rd
* Jamboree Sept. 12th
* Games Sept. 19th – Oct. 31st; Playoff afterwards
* Associations are told to prepare as they normally would for the season

**B. Jeff Spencer**

* July 1st may change
* Social distancing may be a kickback
* Little League wants to get kids who registered but didn’t get to play back.
* Wants to extend fall season this year. Wants to find out if there is a timeline when he can start registration, start practice, and start drafts so he can let everyone know.
  + Wants to register July 1st – July 11th
  + Tryouts July 11-13th
  + Draft July 14-16th
  + Practice July 18-Aug 3rd – Little League asking for two weeks minimum on practice before game start
  + Aug. 1st – Little League Day at the Park
  + Start Games Aug. 3rd
  + Play through Oct. 15th
  + Oct. 19-30th post season tournament
  + Traditional Fall Ball rules
  + Would like to use Moultrie Field if needed
  + Would like to remove batting cage off of new guideline or limit one team per batting cage
* **Pres. Mike Fusion**
  + - * + Registration July 1st – 11th
        + July tryouts – July 31st – Aug 1st (morning)
        + Draft - Aug. 1st (evening) – Aug. 2nd
        + Aug. 15th opening day
      1. **Guidelines for?**
* **Baseball Coach-Pitch** – Can have catcher. One per game. If catcher gets sick/hurt during the game; no catcher for the remaining of the game.
* Bleachers – Steve Waskey - removing for every sport we can possibly move for
* Lee Sterling – kids should not be allowed to sit on bleachers in dugout if we are social distancing. Pres. Fusion stated it will be discussed and worked on
* Soccer – Thomas Vowell: opening Sept 12th. Registration starts in July through Aug.
* Pre. Mike Fusion- ultimate goal is to get to the point where we don’t have to enforce the new guidelines. But we must be prepared with things in place.
* Joe Valdes – the rules are the protect our children and should be enforced
  + 1. **Community Center – update**
* Opened June 1st with restrictions
* Call first to schedule time
* Numbers have increased a bit as far as gatherings
* Mask recommended
* Staff required to wear masks in hallway and around guests
  1. Single Season Multi-Sports Participation
* Can’t have kids playing two sports due to Covid-19.
* Pres. Fusion – hold off on it now on making a rule until we see kids signing up to play multiple sports
  1. Other?
* Pres. Mike Fusion
* Due to recent events that allowed the Board NOT to meet for months, we need something in the by-laws where can meet by telecommunication, zoom, or some other kind of meeting.
* It was suggested we NOT meet by phone.
* Not being able to meet prolongs the time in in-person meeting.
* Needs to be added to next month’s agenda
* Sondra Moss made a motion for by-law to say “In case of emergency, if we are unable to meet in public on county property, we are allowed to meet electronically/telecommunicate. The said meeting will still be open and available for the public to join us.”
  + 2nd by Joe Valdes
  + All approved

**Meeting Adjourn**

* Motioned by Lee Starling
* 2nd by Joe Valdes
* All approved

**Next Meeting – July 29, 2020**

**\*\*2020 MEETING DATES\*\***

**July 29th**

**August 26th**

**September 30th**

**October 28th**