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# Harris County Recreation Board

# Meeting Minutes

# July 29, 2020

7:00pm – Harris County Community Center

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

* Start time – 7:04
* Attendees – Mike Fuson; Sondra Moss; Brandon Fletcher; Thomas Vowell; Steve Felt; Joe Valdes; Brad Johnson; Lee Starling (via phone); Rob Grant; Garnett Ray; Steve Waskey; Ashley Marston.
* Guest Speakers – Bill Bailey; Brian Addison; Yuma Barnett; Spencer Franklin; Shane Grimsley; Jamy Hart.
* Non-Speakers – Danielle Hasting; Ryan Hasting

1. **Approval of agenda**

* Motion to approve – Steve Felt
* Second – Joe Valdes
* All in favor

1. **Approval of minutes**
2. June 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes
   1. Motion to approve – Sondra Moss
   2. Second – Brandon Fletcher
   3. All approved
3. **Appeal – Cancellation of Football/Cheerleading season – Bill Bailey**
4. **Bill Bailey**

* Took poll to parents on TeamSnap and had 90% wanting to play football
* CDC July report said children account under 7% for Covid-19
* Harris County death at 15 for Covid-19
* Only 2 people tested positive at death
* Study shows children in community are not affected

1. **Brian Addison**

* Hamilton Commissioner
* 86% of the parents are for football
* Kids need sports. Football is full sport contact
* Kids may take Covid-19 home to others
* Need 3-5 volunteers for each activity; will need more people involved to help with training for social distancing
* Safer to wait until Spring or play flag football - a less contact sport

1. **Yuma Barnett**

* New Mountain Hill Coach
* In the sport for the kids
* Asked for alternative for physical activities
* Taking from kids by just ending football is not good. Need an alternative

1. **Spencer Franklin**

* From New Mountain Hill
* Need an alternative sport
* Kids need to be conditioning
* New Mountain Hill did conditioning and fundamentals while practicing social distance and it worked great.
* Feel Covid-19 is not as bad as flu
* Had waivers signed by parents
* 91% parents agreed to let kids play
* Question: Thomas Vowell
  + Did you see any problems with practices?
  + Spencer: no

1. **Shane Grimsley**

* Sports is a risk all around
* What can we control and not control?
* In favor of playing football
* We need to have another sport available for the kids to play

1. **Jamy Hart**

* Have USA guidelines
* Can we have volunteers to make sure all is running great?
* We have to find something for the kids to do, even its just conditioning
* Need to find a way to do it with what we have

1. Mike Fuson – Open Floor Discussion for Board Members

* Mike Fuson – Flag football was given as an option, but was turned down. Communities only wanted football. Steve Felt agreed that flag football was ejected.
* Sondra Moss–seems like communities wanted football or nothing
* Cataula 91% voted yes for football
* Hamilton – 85.7 voted yes; 14.3 voted no; 28 responded to vote.
* New Mtn. Hill – 93.1 voted yes; 0 voted no; 29 responded to vote
* Pine Mtn – 100% yes; 1 responded to vote
* Waverly Hall – 87.5 voted yes; 13.5 voted no; 37 responded to vote
* Steve Felt – sent out 2019-2020 season registered kids; 400 or 500
* Brad Johnson – what are we trying to accomplish? Conditioning or playing football?
* Mike Fuson – it’s on the agenda to appeal the cancellation of football. We need option or a reason to bring to a vote at our next meeting.
* Rob Grant – Steve Felt is really a conflict of interest because he is President of Football
* Rob Grant – we have to discuss and bring to next meeting
* Thomas Vowell – stated he was not aware we were not going to be able to vote tonight. Stated tonight was a waste of time for the people who came out tonight expecting an answer. Asked all other board members if they were under the impression that we were going to vote tonight. All said yes.
* Steve Felt made a motion to appeal the decision to cancel football. 2nd by Thomas Vowell.
* Mike Fuson – motion will be tabled until August 12th, 2020, 7pm.

1. **Chairperson’s Report**

* Change by-laws – Nancy said verbiage is not necessary. We are allowed to meet electronically/telecommunicate under executive order under Gov. Kemp

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

* Treasurer’s Report - July 29, 2020
* $9,412.04
* Motion to approve by Sondra Moss; 2nd by Brandon Fletcher
* All approved

1. **Recreation Director’s Report**

* Baseball Return to Play is established
* No soccer yet; pavilion is complete
* GRPA did survey on youth football; waiting on result

1. **Old Business**
2. John Magazu Scholarship – Reminder – work session at Sept meeting to discuss criteria for (email ideas/thoughts/suggestions to Mike Fuson)

* Ashley Marston – we need to discuss this
* Steve Felt made a motion to add to next agenda; Joe Valdes 2nd; all approved

1. **New Business**
   1. Tele-conferencing/meeting verbiage to add to Rec Board Bylaws – Discuss/Vote

* SEE SECTION V
  1. Other?
* Steve Felt challenged Mike Fuson tabling his motion made in **Section IV:G**
* Rob Grant stated once it has been tabled it cannot be changed.
* Mike Fuson – a special call meeting on the appeal of football cancellation will be Aug. 12, 2020 at 7pm at the Rec Center.
* Meeting adjourned – motioned by Thomas Vowell. 2nd by Joe Valdes; all approved

**Next Meeting – August 26, 202**

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

**August 26th**

**September 30th**

**October 28th**