



# *Harris County Recreation Board*

## **Meeting Minutes**

August 25, 2021

7:00pm – Harris County Community Center

### **I. Call to order/Roll Call/Welcome New Member**

- a. Sonja Williamson – At-Large Member
- b. Sondra Moss – PMYSA Rep
  - Start time – 7:01pm
  - Attendees – Mike Fuson; Thomas Vowell; Sonja Williamson; Wade Pirkle; Steve Felt; Sondra Moss; Lee Starling; Rob Grant; Garnett Ray; Ashley Marston; Steve Waskey

### **II. Approval of minutes**

- a. September 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes
  - Tabled
- b. July 28, 2021 Meeting Minutes
  - Motion to approve by Steve Felt
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sondra Moss
  - All approved

### **III. Chairperson's Report**

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

- \$13,431.81
- Motion to approve by Steve Felt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonja Williamson
- All

### **V. Recreation Director's Report**

- **Little League**
  - Around 350 kids signed
  - Fall Ball games looking to start the week of September 11
- **Soccer**
  - Around 266 kids signed up
  - Started practices this week and will start games September 11
- **Football**
  - 294 players signed up; 130 cheerleaders
  - Questions about out of county, community boundaries and partnering with River City

- We had several cases outside of boundaries and county
- **Swim Team fall season will start in 2 weeks**
- **Wrestling will start October at the Middle school**
- **Man O'War Trail**
  - Phase 4 going on now with bridge work and paving to country store
  - Phase 5 is starting plans to the Middle School in Hamilton
- **Ellerslie Park**
  - County Road Crews and Park Crews are still working
  - Hired Employees
- **Cross-Country High School Team hosted a meet at the Soccer/Rodeo Area**
- **Looking to start a Youth Volleyball and Cross-Country programs in the fall**
- **Pate direction change coming soon. New parking space lines at Moultrie and Pate**

## VI. OLD Business

- a. **Out of County Residents participating in HC Youth Recreation Programs – continued discussion on feedback from community YSA's and sports boards**
  - Mike Fusion - County has always said no to out of county. Not no from the board, but from county commissioners on down. Nancy said we can put it in place.
  - Lee Starling – wants to know can we grandfather in players who are now considered out-of-county but have always been playing in the league. Grandfather them in until they age out. They should be allowed to continue to play in Harris County. All new kids should not be allowed since we are in the process of fixing the system. It's not the kid's fault. It's whoever allow it to happen.
    - Rob Granted stated you would have to add if that child leaves and come back later to play, he/she will not be allowed to play.
    - How would you prove they played with the teams?
      - Burden of proof on parents; rosters; payments; registrations receipts
  - Steve Waskey - as of right now, players must currently live in Harris County or in expanded zone. If not, they cannot play.
  - Rob Grant – children whose parents work in the Harris County School system but live out-of-county are allowed to play Harris County Recreational Ball and school ball. Steve Waskey and Ashley Marston disagreed with this statement.
  - Mike Fuson – allowing the out-of-county to play falls on poor management of the board leagues (Football as of now. Nothing heard from basketball). It should have been caught and stopped there. But now we have to move forward.
  - Mike Fusion – bring in a policy to our next meeting stating how we line out opening for county play with restrictions/no restrictions and fee/no fees for out-of-county players. Everyone can bring one. We will vote on it and put it in action.
    - “A” is tabled for next meeting
  - Soccer will change their by-law for “Travel Ball only” and bring to next board meeting to be voted on.
- b. **Background Checks (looking to consolidate with LL and other organizations) – Research on Background Check Companies from Rec Dept. – continued discussion**
  - Tabled for next month's meeting

**c. Safe Sport – Discussion**

- 2018 Law Safe Sports Play
  - 5 topics; free training certified
  - Football and soccer already have it in play, not sure about basketball and Little League
  - Mike Fusion – suggested to bring the information to other sports board

**d. PMYSA Recreation Board Rep/At-Large Position – update**

- Sonja Williamson – At-Large Member
- Sondra Moss – PMYSA Rep

**e. Magazu Scholarship Fundraising Ideas – vote on raising \$1 Per Player Fees to \$2 Per Player Fees to help fund Magazu Scholarship**

- \$1 to Magazu Scholarship
  - Motion was made to raise player's fee from \$1 to \$2
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sonja Williamson
  - All approved

**VII. NEW Business**

**a. COVID guidelines/protocol**

- Let Steve Waskey know ASAP about any Covid/quarantine cases on team
  - Will go by school policy for Covid quarantine
  - Will need team roster dated back two days or how long they've had symptoms. If don't know when symptoms started, it's test date, 48 hrs.
  - Need to know what school they go to
  - Talk to communities and sport leagues
  - No temperature check because of new variant symptom of no fever
  - Still take attendance
  - Still water stations
  - Still social distance

**b. Other?**

- Steve Felt – want to do something for a family whose mother have Covid-pneumonia. Want ideas from the board on what can do to help.
  - Focus in Hamilton have food and clothing bank
  - Hope Center in Hamilton
  - School system does backpack snacks where they send food home for weekend
  - Methesda is Ellerslie

Adjourn – 9:14pm

**NEXT MEETING – September 29, 2021**

**\*\*2021 MEETING DATES\*\***

**January 27th**

**February 24th**

**March 31th**

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**October 27th**