



Harris County Recreation Board

Minutes

February 27, 2019

7:00pm – Harris County Community Center

Attendees: Mike Fuson; Thomas Vowell; Sondra Moss; Joe Valdes; Steve Felt; Lee Starling; Rob Grant; Steve Waskey

I. Call to order/Roll Call/Welcome New Member – Joe Valdes – Cataula Rep

- Steve Felt stated if miss two meeting, board can ask for replacement.
- New Members – Joe Valdes – Cataula; Mike Fusion – At-large member

II. Approval of agenda

- Motioned by Lee Starling
- 2nd by Sondra Moss
- All approved

III. Approval of minutes

a. January 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Chairperson's Report

- Steve Felt on football – Looking for replacement for TeamSnap. Stack Sport is recommended. They will have different community/organizations. Money will be set up to go to that community's account. Felt is working on getting a demo set up. Possible dates and time coming soon.
- Right now, the league is paying \$1600 a year for TeamSnap.
- Payments will be made online through new system.
- Will include tournament scheduling & sports/games scheduling.
- Right now, football has no liability insurance. Will have to increase community fee to board to \$10 or \$15 per player to cover insurance fee.
- Looking at having all communities pay same registration fee across board - \$65.
- Felt and two others are looking for more insurance quotes.

V. Treasurer's Report

- \$12,275.96
- Still have owed fees from coke invoices, Spring 2018 player fees, football 2018 player fees, basketball 2019 player fees.
- The Waverly Hall fee for football 2018 has been paid.
- Motioned by Joe Valdes
- 2nd by Lee Starling
- All approved

VI. Recreation Director's Report

a. **Updates** - Ellerslie Park, Moultrie Park, Challenger Game, Other?

- **Moultrie Park**
 - They are having turf issues
 - Area has a new netting and fertilizer was added.
 - The idea is to finish before season start.
 - A new wooded fence was added; possible add wooded fence to Pate and Ellerslie Park as well.

- **Ellerslie**
 - The playground is done.
 - Overall outcome is beautiful (Steve Waskey).
 - It's ready to open, but rode and entrance not complete.
 - Possible grand opening will be Sunday, April 7th from 2-4pm.

- **Soccer**
 - Opening Day is March 2, 2019, 10am – 2pm.
 - (Per say Thomas Vowell) There will be rock climbing, bouncing wall, County BBQ, Chic-Fil-A, and parade.
 - The age groups are U6 – U13; possible U16.

- **Baseball**
 - Opening Day is March 9, 2019.
 - The March 8th events were canceled due to no insurance and Creekside having a dance.
 - All events are moved to Saturday's opening.
 - **The Challenger Game** starts at 10am.
 - this is a special needs baseball game for kids with special needs
 - there will be shirts for the kids and the buddies (helpers) only
 - Shirts total cost is \$1000, trophies total cost is \$300
 - Little league paying for lunch
 - High schoolers are buddies who will be protecting players and help with swinging the bats
 - planning for 50, hopefully 150 will show up
 - will be accessible for wheelchairs
 - will have SPED teachers, EMS; for all k-12
 - will be trophies to show participation Love
 - event will merit a future committee in years to come
 - Steve Waskey is designing a new logo for this event and will include all sports

- **Track & Field**
 - Next meeting is March 23rd

- **Basketball**
 - District Fee for GRPA
 - Thomaston - \$153.67
 - Hapeville - \$185
 - Villa Rica - \$140
 - Carrolton - \$151.28
 - Total - \$629.95**
 - State Tournament fee - \$205**

-All Payment to be made motioned by Steve Felt; 2nd by Lee Starling

- In the GRPA, all boys age group lost.
- The girls won; will play in Bremen.
 - The Harris County Girls Coach accused by a Carrollton GRPA Representative of trying to bring in an illegal player. They stated the child could not get her birthday correct. The HC Coach and the child's parent were present at the time this took place. HC Coach stated he would bring birth certificate the next day; however, he was told he could not do so. This made the player ineligible to play.
 - Steve talked to parents of daughter whose information Coach was trying to use. He was told by that parent his/her child was at softball practice and was not at the basketball game.
 - Steve is still gathering information about this matter
 - The HC Coach was still able to coach and the girls were allowed to play because illegal player DID NOT PLAY. No punishment was given to the girls at that time.
- **Archery**
 - Have a new program.
- **Swimming**
 - Have a completely new board.
- **Wrestling**
 - Will have a Spring and Summer program; will be Olympic style.
- **Volleyball**
 - Starting a new program with Summer Camp and fall program.
- **Pickleball**
 - Still going on.
 - There is a proposal for \$100,000 outdoor field.
- **Summer Camp**
 - YMCA sponsoring camp at HC Rec Center – ages 6-12
 - 40 kids
 - YMCA will pay the staff
 - HC Rec will get a percentage
 - School will provide lunch
 - \$100 per kid per week from 9am – 4pm
 - \$15 week from 7-9pm
 - \$15 week from 4-6pm
 - Will be from Monday – Friday
 - FDR will be participating
 - 7 week program
 - 4 weeks in June; 3 weeks in July
 - Basketball camp will be with CSU in June
 - Volleyball camp – still working on that for July
 - Will update Rec Facebook page with all information

VII. Old Business

- a. **John Magazu Scholarship Fund – update from Committee Members**
 - Joe Valdes, Jairo Gay, Steve Felt, Lee Starling are committee leaders
 - Balance is \$1290
 - Need to get 501(c)3
 - Need to get status of 501(c)3 **BEFORE** fully commit to drive/accepting donation
 - Need to determine how money will be disbursed

- Need to have by-laws on disbursements

b. Rec Board Bylaw changes – Wording to submit to BOC?

- a. Requiring background checks on all YSA/Sports Board members
- b. Requiring all YSA/Sports Boards to submit By-Laws for review upon request or upon any changes made for review

- SECTION TABLED

VIII. New Business

a. Other?

- Pine Mountain baseball had complaint about paying two different people. They wonder why they have to write one payment to association for registration, and write another payment to person/individual for uniforms.
 - Board noted that each community does their own thing as far as receiving payments.
 - Board also suggested the association should pay for all front free. Payments should be made to association, not to an individual.
- An individual wanted to coach baseball in Pine Mountain, but got in trouble in 2007. Mike Jolley said it was OK and person deserved second chance.
 - Commissioner Nancy (?) gives criteria on being approved or not.
 - Rec board must have the letter of approval or denial.
 - The information also must be sent to county attorney as well.
- Steve Waskey stated the Rec Center had deposit money missing
 - He notified the county director and Sheriff Jolly to file a report. The video was reviewed.
 - A Rec Center employee was interviewed and was arrested on separate charges from another state (AL).
 - When she came back to work at Rec Center, she was questioned and questions were raised.
 - Due to her arrest, she was terminated from Rec center. This was due to Rec Center's policy.
 - Sheriff Jolley had a warrant to search her rental vehicle. During the search, the Rec's Center envelope, which was suppose to have \$300 cash, was found empty. \$640 in checks was found. Also, credit card receipts and deposit slips were found. A new warrant was issued on her for this matter.
 - Since then, the checks have been replaced, but the cash is a loss.
 - At the time, she (the former Rec Center employee) was serving on the Cataula Sports boards. She has now been removed due to violation of Code of Ethics.
 - Two new cameras have been added to the Rec Center.
 - Two night people are now required to sign off on deposit.
 - All money handling process has changed
 - The background check only goes through GA right now. May have to change to a national background check.
 - Steve Waskey didn't notify commissioner because he was waiting on the investigation result.
 - Joe Valdes asked about completing a background check every six months when it comes to dealing with money.

- Steve Waskey is working on a plan to change backgrounds checks.

IX. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2019

- Mike Fuson made a motion to change next meeting to April 3rd. Steve Felt 2nd. All approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED

- 9:09PM
- MOTIONED BY Mike Fuson; 2nd by Lee Starling;
- All approved.

****2019 HC Recreation Board Meeting Dates:**

7:00pm at the HC Community Center

March 27th

April 24th

May 29th

June 26th

July 31st

August 28th

September 25th

October 30th