

JOPPATOWNE RECREATION COUNCIL
GENERAL MEETING
January 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at JHS. A sign-in sheet was passed around and introductions were made. Laura Harrell, Wayne Ivusich, and John Murphy; board members; were not present. Women's fitness, volleyball, and swim lessons were programs not in attendance.

The Secretary's Report for November was distributed to all programs prior to tonight's meeting. The minutes were sent out by Susan. There were no amendments or changes made to the minutes. The minutes were accepted as written.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Cathy. We have a current balance of \$191,492.50. There is a total of \$1375.00 in unidentified deposits which will be moved to the general fund. The new website www.joppatowne.org is under construction.

The staff report was given by Tim. The spring flyer was passed around. Tim would like to get it out to schools next week, so please make necessary changes. The lights at Copenhaver have been shut off while the fields are not in use. There will be a turn on fee of \$25.00 at the beginning of the season. This is much less expensive alternative to keeping them connected during the off-season. Thanks Patty! Program cancellations are as follows: ALL SCHOOLS- February 11-12, 18; April 6-8; March 21-26. ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS- February 15; March 20; April 25. MAGNOLIA MIDDLE- February 9-10 cancelled for all programs except for competitive swim.

The president's report was given by Hazel. If anyone can speak to elected officials please tell them that the Parks and Rec budget needs to be totally funded. Budget cuts should not affect the Magnolia project. Sharon Lipford from the Yellow Ribbon Project was at the president's meeting to discuss suicide prevention. This is a serious issue because in 2004, suicide was the 3rd leading cause of death among teenagers. Some warning signs to look for include helplessness, rage, seeking revenge, changes in sleeping or eating habits, anxiety, giving away of prized possessions, money issues, drug or alcohol abuse, death of a loved one, history of sexual abuse, and involvement in satanic cults. Hazel has cards and pamphlets from the presentation. Please take some for coaches and managers if you wish. There is a hotline on the cards that teens can use if they need help. The goal of the yellow ribbon project is to save lives. Please remember that parks and rec programs are there for all participants to have fun, there should be no pressure. The Cedar Lane foundation meeting is next Monday. It is a private facility; you must "pay to play". It is located off of 136 and 543. It is scheduled to have the second turf field put in: North Harford High will get the first. Cedar Lane is hoping to bring in other venues. The national girls' lacrosse championships will be held here in 2009. There are properties in Dublin, Darlington, and Forest Hills that Parks and Rec is looking at to purchase. Small grant money will be used to purchase new bleachers. Replacements should begin in March. The annual Parks and Rec dinner is set for June 20 at Jarrettsville Gardens. Tickets are \$32.00 a piece. JRC will pay for award winners. Tickets need to be purchased by April 4.

Program Reports

Tae Kwon Do- began last month, 17 registered; 6 adults and 11 children, everything going smoothly

Golden Age- 1st trip of the year will be to the Allen Berry Playhouse in March, the Myrtle Beach trip might be cancelled, thank you to Tim for attending the installation of new officers

Tennis- indoor is going fine; have been cancelled twice due to wrestling tournaments, lessons begin in March

Adult Swim- everything fine with the exception of a minor problems with locker rooms

Youth Basketball- six weeks into the season, after some initial ups and downs things are running smoother, general meeting was held on January 15th, board is improving every week, thanks to Hazel for attending meetings and straightening them out; next board meeting February 9, next general meeting February 12

Track- 1st general meeting will be held January 30; 1st registration next week, budget is coming together

Adult Tennis- begins first week of May, hopefully will have a larger turn-out this year

Tiger Sharks- not in season, 1st board meeting last week, registrations in April/May

Men's Softball- registration now-April, will play on Sundays and Mondays, co-ed on Wednesdays

Senior Softball- 140 people will be playing on Tuesdays during the season, April-July

Family Swim- currently 12 families, going well

Baseball- finished last year with money in the bank!, 185-200 registrations so far, hoping to get 350 total, secretary is resigning, will elect new one at next general meeting, travel tryouts will be held for the next three weekends, would like to talk to JRC board about the merger with Edgewood travel, with this change there is a potential to have 7 teams versus the 1 they had last year, looking for facilities, April 26 parade, May 3 bull roast, thank you to Edgewood boys and girls club-baseball has held Friday night clinics there for 6-8 year olds for the last six weeks

Competitive Swim- 3/4 way through season, 3 girls have qualified for the US Grand Prix, tournament will be held at MMS February 9-10

Football/Cheerleading- fantastic season, 2 8-10 teams won state titles for their division, 2 cheerleading teams won gold, 3 weeks ago 18 and under girls won MD state championship, dance was held last weekend, program has almost 600 children, still looking for space and places to put gear, looking forward to the completion of the Magnolia complex, gave plaques to rec council and Ray Reynolds for sponsorship, would like to discuss with board the possibility of taking credit cards at registration, Hazel

attended their dance and that if any program wanted to plan an evening event they should speak with football

Lacrosse- 139 registered, 10 teams, season begins March 1, March 29 jamboree all boys teams will play, 2 new girls teams this year-7/8 and 11/13, doubled up on 6/8 boys teams, bull roast April 4 at the Richlin ballroom, \$40.00/ticket

Wrestling- going well, combined with Edgewood rec this year, many new kids at the elementary level, tournament February 9-10 at JHS, wrestling will begin at 9, fundraiser March 9 at the Comedy Club in Baltimore, \$25.00/ticket

Badminton- good year, 8-10 regulars, look forward to rest of year

Soccer- season ended in November, under 14 girls took 1st place in Central Maryland, indoor clinic held on Sundays, 5 teams currently playing indoors

Old Business

Book scholarships for seniors may be picked up and returned to the high school. The deadline is April 1st. To apply, the student must have played for parks and rec and lettered in a high school sport.

A motion was made and seconded that we pay our treasurer \$2500.00/year. The motion was carried.

The next general meeting will be April 28 at 7:00pm at JHS. The next board meeting will be February 25 at 6:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bulavko