

JOPPATOWNE RECREATION COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
March 31, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm at Mariner Point Park. All board members were present.

The Secretary's Report for February was distributed to all programs prior to tonight's meeting. The minutes were sent out by Susan. The minutes were accepted as written.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Cathy. We have a current balance of \$211,409.83. Unidentified deposits are \$30.00. This reduction is due to the fact that the majority of unidentified deposits were moved to the general fund. Cathy feels that programs are not aggressively going after bad checks. She proposed to take that responsibility back. Football has a huge bad check that was written back in December that they are still trying to collect. Word needs to get out that we will prosecute. Wayne suggested that we include our check policy on the flyers that go out to the schools. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted that the bad check fee be raised to \$25.00.

The new head of the spring basketball program, Jerome Parham, met with the board to discuss issues. Tonia McCluskey and Hezekiah Barrett were also in attendance.

The staff report was given by Tim. Volunteers who need to be recognized at the annual dinner need to be known by March 15. Tickets need to be ordered by April 4! We have a maximum number of 30 tickets- order early. Tim has only heard from tennis and Golden Age. Lacrosse held its jamboree on March 29 at MMS all day. It was very successful. Baseball will hold its opening day on April 26, with a parade to the high school. There is a question about animals being in the parade and on school grounds. Program cancellations are as follows: ALL SCHOOLS- April 6-8. ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS- April 25. Please plan to attend the County Council Budget meeting April 10 at 1:30 pm. Their decisions directly affect us. Let Tim know ASAP if you can attend. We would like to go to with as many people as possible. Gary can attend and possibly John as well. The bigger numbers we have attending, the better.

The President's report was given by Gary, who went in Hazel's place. All projects that are currently in the works will be completed. The future is uncertain about proposed projects. Safety training for coaches will be held soon at Upper Chesapeake. Councilman Guthrie announced that there will be a 4th of July parade on Joppa Farm Rd this year as well as a party at Food Lion and a concert at Mountain Christian. Schools will be closed the day before and the day of elections. There are 20,000 registered voters in the Joppatowne/Edgewood area yet only 3,000 people voted in the primary. We need to find a way to get more people to vote.

New Business

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Bob Lee Geddes' passing. He was the project manager for Mariner Point Park as well as many other public projects in Harford County. JRC sent a \$200.00 donation for the Promenade in Havre De Grace as a memorial. He will be missed.

Susan's husband, Leo, brought to the board's attention that Lacrosse schedules have not been handed to 11-12 and 13-14 teams. It was asked if there was anything that can be done about this. Tim will look into this issue. A suggestion was made that deadlines for turn-in of teams be moved up for next year so that schedules could be made and distributed earlier.

The next general meeting will be April 28 at 7:00pm at JHS. The next board meeting will be May 27 at 6:00pm at Mariner Point Park. This is a change in the usual schedule due to the holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bulavko