

JOPPATOWNE RECREATION COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
November 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm at Mariner Point Park. A sign-in sheet was passed around and introductions were made. Laura Harrell will be arriving late. Wayne Ivusich cannot attend this meeting.

The Secretary's Report for October 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 \$191,308.04. Gary will be attending the next meeting of the basketball board. Board members need to pay registration fees, no one is exempt. Cathy is talking with the computer guy that she does business with about starting a new website. Our current website can no longer be used; Eamon will not release the domain name to us. Cathy had www.joppatowne.org reserved. John suggested using a website program. The professional startup fee would approximately \$5000.00. A motion was made and seconded to have the professional setup done. Online banking will not be started. Our bank charges \$10.00 for every online check written. Unidentified deposits need to be checked!

There have been preliminary discussions of baseball's travel team merging with Edgewood's travel team. All monies would be run through Joppatowne. Joppatowne's baseball board will be meeting with Edgewood on Thursday to discuss the matter further. Hazel expressed concern over the possibility of 2 rec teams combining. There were several reasons for her concern; including coaches who do not get along. This issue has been discussed before and has always been voted against. The board needs to give its ok before the combining of teams takes place. One question the board would like an answer to is if we don't have enough players to make a travel team, will kids leave? The board decided not to give its ok yet, to let Edgewood and Joppatowne discuss issues. Cathy will e-mail Mark and let him know to persue discussions with Edgewood and perhaps come and talk to the board in January about the meeting's outcomes.

The staff report was given by Tim. A small grant from FY '07 was never spent. It has to be re-approved by Arden McClung. We also have the same small grant for FY '08 that has yet to be spent. Both grants are \$2500.00 a piece. It was suggested that we use one grant for improvements at Mariner Point Park and one grant for new wrestling mats. All facilities except Riverside Elementary are happy with the winter programs. Riverside is not happy because basketball is not there on time. After much discussion, BGE will be paid \$2600.00 for Copenhagen lights. We are still looking into the possibility of shutting off the lights in the off season and paying the reconnection fee at the beginning of the season. Perhaps this will be less expensive than paying \$115.00 per month just to have them on. Program cancellations are as follows: ALL SCHOOLS- December 24-31, January 1, 17-21, February 12, 18.

The president's report was given by Hazel. The capital budget is moving forward. Vale Rd. School is scheduled to be built next year. A matrix on bleachers needs to take place so we can see what needs to be purchased. Money from each rec council needs to be sent in for a legal defense fund. There currently

is a case involving the Jarrettsville Rec Council and a volunteer. The volunteer is suing for defamation of character and equipment reimbursement. The volunteer has the burden of proof. The case is scheduled to go to trial in January but most likely will be postponed. The presidents voted and the annual dinner will be held at Jarrettsville Gardens. The date for next year's dinner is set for June 20. Tickets are \$26.25 a piece. The stressful weather policy is still being worked on. Article XI of the president's bylaws has been changed to read "coaches violating dates of when practicing teams start can be terminated." If you are a sports program, you must not start early. Spring sports may begin February 1. Winter sports may begin October 1. Summer sports may begin June 1.

Program Reports

Karen Ballard from Women's fitness was able to attend our meeting. Her program has taken a hit since Curves came into the area. She would like an ad placed in the Aegis. Tim said he could do that for her. Karen said that she has trouble making 7:00 meetings, but can make ones scheduled at 6:00. Her program has been running for 28 years and currently has 15 people participating.

Our new martial arts instructor- Craig Ryea, also attended our meeting. He has had no conversation with Cathi Hare. The board has sent Cathi a certified letter explaining that she would no longer have a program. She has yet to receive the letter. John went to the MMS to see if he could find Cathi to give her the letter. Craig would like to begin his program after the holidays and he needs to discuss possible registration dates with Tim. The registration fee is \$20.00 and there is a monthly fee of \$20.00. Uniforms should be included. Registration is good for a year and the head tax will be taken on yearly registrations. When a participant would test for rank, the cost would be \$30.00. Craig would also like an ad put in the Aegis. His program should hold its meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Old business

The issue of paying our treasurer was once again discussed. In September, Wayne was tasked to come up with words to amend our bylaws. Cathy provided him with information about what she does as treasurer. Tim will look into what other rec councils pay their treasurers. A motion was made and seconded that we come up with an amount to pay Cathy. We will vote in January on the amount. The mid-Atlantic sportsmanship award nominations are still being accepted. John has software for writing grants. The board suggested 4 areas to focus on if grants are written. The areas include equipment, facilities, outreach and lights at Copenhaver.

New Business

Joppatowne's own girls 14 and under travel soccer team will get their award for 1st place at the Blast game on December 8.

Basketball rosters AND BUDGET need to be turned in.

The next general meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2008 at JHS at 7:00pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2008 at Mariner Point Park at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Bulavko