

JOPPATOWNE RECREATION COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm at Mariner Point Park. A sign-in sheet was passed around. All board members were present.

The Secretary's Report for July 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 Treasurer's Report was given by Cathy. We have a current balance of \$180,275.96. Baseball receipts have been found and bills paid. No program was authorized to have a credit card! If you have questions about this see Cathy or a board member. Racquet club, men's softball, senior softball, and summer softball have not turned in registration forms. New tax exempt cards are here. Cathy will laminate them and distribute at the next meeting. The Tae Kwon Do program is operating in the negative. Patty volunteered to look in on the program and collect money and registration fees. Cheerleading and Tae Kwon Do use the same facility. The audit is almost complete. There is over \$3000.00 in unidentified deposits. If these deposits are not identified by the next meeting, they will go into the general way.

Hazel brought up the possibility of having a paid treasurer for JRC. Several questions were brought up regarding this. Can the treasurer sit on the board? Should there be an assistant? Would the treasurer be a voting member? How would the by-laws change to reflect this? Wayne and Cathy volunteered to re-work the by-laws. Cathy will propose an acceptable amount. This issue will be discussed further at the October meeting.

The staff report was given by Tim. Tim received an e-mail from competitive swim with a list of event dates. Dates need to be cleared through Tim before being set. There is also a question of how money is being used within the program. Tim will set up a special meeting with competitive swim, the North Harford Rec Council, and our board members. Tim, Hazel, Wayne, and Gary are willing to attend this meeting. Edgewood High School will be using MMS tennis courts and baseball fields once building starts for the new high school. Also, Edgewood will be using JHS facilities. The first program that this might affect is track. Custodial and leadership money will be available. It will be split as it was last year. BGE and Copenhagen have issues still. A bill was received for \$502.00 for flipping the lights to make sure they worked. Arden McClung is also looking into this. Patty will be working on this issue with Tim.

Several people responded to the need for a new basketball board. Interested parties were introduced. The board informed them that they were glad to see such a great turnout but that there were several guidelines, rules, and procedures that all would have to follow. The board reminded them that we are here for the kids first. Also the board let them know that there have been past money issues with basketball program and that they did not want to see that happen again. Kudos go to Kevin Hockaday for taking the program and turning it around. The board then asked the people present to come up with a board which they did. The new basketball board is as follows: President- James Eure, Vice-President- George Cole, Treasurer- Tonia McCluskey, Secretary-Sascha Ayala, and Member at Large- Walter

Evans. The board will meet with the JRC board on October 1st at 8:00 at JHS. A special flyer will be sent out to announce registration dates.

The president's report was given by Hazel. There are currently 6 acquisitions in the North Harford area. Hazel and JRC's priorities are 1) Magnolia field, 2)Copenhaver restrooms, 3)tennis courts, and 4)kayak launch. The Mid-Atlantic Sports Alliance has sportsmanship award application. Please nominate a youth or coach that you feel deserves ASAP. The presidents also felt that that previous annual dinners gave more time to socialize and a preference for June rather than July was felt. The heat/humidity policy is being revamped. Travel team selections must be done during the season. You may not register travel teams early or out of season.

A representative from Men's softball came to discuss a couple of issues. The board needs to have registrations for liability issues. Men's softball would like to have a team registration rather than individual one. The teams that play men's softball pay as a team, not individually. The team registration would make this easier for them. Men's softball apologized for any misunderstandings about soccer goals being moved from the fields. They were trying to make sure that there would be no interference while playing their games.

Old business

The high school wrestling mat has not been repaired. There have been problems trying to find someone. A place was found but the repair would cause the mat to shrink 5%. Once the mat is shrunk, it can no longer be used for competitions. The high school has purchased a new one and would like JRC to help pay for it or buy the damaged one from them. Patty will call a company that she knows, Tiffin in Cecil County, to see what they say about possible repair and cost. If we did buy the mat from the high school, there would be the question of where to store it and is there a size requirement for mats at the rec level as there is at the high school level.

New business

Gary told the board about the Lurman Woodland Theatre in Catonsville. The theatre holds concerts in the summer. He would like to look into the possibility of JRC doing something like this. Gary and Wayne will look at the viability of this type of project. Wayne informed the board that Jackie Haas and Senator Mary Jacobs will be attending the homecoming parade on October 12th. High school sports teams and rec teams have been asked to start lining up at 4:00pm in the overflow trailer parking lot at Mariner Point. The parade will begin at 5:00pm. There have been vehicle break-ins at Mariner Point Park. Please be aware. The Maryland Sting are division champs and have clinched a spot in the playoffs! Show your support for our semi-pro team at the playoff game on October 6th at 8:00pm at Copenhaver.

The next general meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2007 at JHS at 7:00pm. The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2007 at Mariner Point Park at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Bulavko