

Joppatowne Recreation Council  
March 22, 2010

In attendance: Hazel Morgan, John Murphy, Cathy Bott, Patty Jahn, Sonia Volz and Molly Lauryssens

In attendance for women's fitness: Melissa Strohman, Christine Smith, Carol Budd, Karen Ballard, Maggie Johnson, Patti Muelle, Dolly and Jane

In attendance for baseball: John Henkle and Tom Hooper

Secretary's report: accepted minutes from last meeting

Treasurer's report: Balance is \$168,422.63. Track has turned in \$2800 of \$4400 worth of checks may not register until we have it all. Sonia will be going to their meeting on Wednesday. They have a registration scheduled Friday and Saturday but Sonia will tell them no registration until issue is resolved.

Staff report: Dinner tickets for annual dinner, need numbers from all programs as to how many tickets they need. Also need to let Meghan know of any volunteers that have 10, 15, 20 years in, please contact your programs. Patty and Danny Jahn have 20 Sonia Volz has 10 yrs in. Lacrosse is hosting their jamboree March 27<sup>th</sup> 10 am start at MMS. Baseball opening day parade April 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am starting at MPP ending at JHS. They are also having a bull-roast on May 22nd. The concession key at Copenhaver has been changed to a core lock that only Meghan has, baseball and football may sign out keys from her.

Storage at JES is ready to be used. It was suggested that baseball take the outside entrance part for their storage. The indoor part will still need to be decided on by the board as to what program will get to use it.

President's report: Joppatowne is its own and any program needing copies must come to Meghan for copies and not go to Tim in Edgewood. Aberdeen Recreation needs to come/report to Tim in Edgewood.

Joe Pfaff dinner on March 4<sup>th</sup> was very nice except areas were not together at tables. Credit card payments- information on using credit card payments online before coming to registration [some areas do this already] info would be stored at their site [company website] 2.35% discount /.25 per transaction. We have talked about this before but have not made any decisions. Need to work on this and think about what we need to do to consider doing this and have discussion by May meeting.

Women's fitness: spoke with Dolly about some previous concerns. Karen Ballard was asked to bring CPR training and other certifications to this meeting. Chris stepped up to take the program we needed to have a functioning board for this program. Members want to know why all of a sudden there has to be a board? It was explained that there has always been a need for a board

as part of the JRC bylaws and that this program simply needed to start following all the correct rules. Hazel mentioned that these issues with the program have been going on way to long and it needs to stop and that rules are to be followed if they want to continue. Someone needs to be at our meetings [no one normally comes] members were upset about a few classes being cancelled. They were cancelled due to the co-chairs attending our monthly meetings but they rescheduled the classes so no one would be shorted class time. Some were stating that the co-directors are disruptive during class. There should not be so much tension for these ladies who have stepped up to volunteer and keep this program going. It was stated that there are personal conflicts between the board [JRC] and Karen- this is not the case- we just want rules to be followed like every other program has to follow. Meghan will look at the calendar to see what dates are available for the rest of their classes and will schedule around the JRC meeting.

Baseball Issue: Feb 1<sup>st</sup> John told Mr. Hooper he doesn't care about personal life but that he did have a dispute on the field with his wife in front of the kids. Tom disputes this so John called around to find out more. After investigating, he found more issues on this subject and told Mr. Hooper he needed to step down for the season and come back over the summer. This is when Mr. Hooper took it to our board and after investigating we issued the ban from all our programs [due to his background check]. Mr. Hooper is in violation of our code of conduct and was suspended from all programs. Mr. Hooper asked to speak on his own behalf at our meeting. It was pointed out to Mr. Hooper that we need to protect and look out for the kids in our programs and that after doing the background check he's being held to certain standards to be considered a volunteer in our programs. He disputes that these "so called parents" complained as he and his wife talked with some and they say they never said anything against him and feels that one parent was out to get him. Mr. Hooper's wife spoke with Hazel after receiving letters from JRC about the ruling. After hearing Mr. Hooper's side of the story, the JRC board stood firm on their previous decision stating that his background check put him in violation of our code of conduct. Mr. Hooper is banned from coaching or volunteering in any of our programs. Mr. Hooper then decided he would like to take it higher and Hazel told him the next step would be at the President's Recreation Council meeting. Meghan will get him the information needed to go the next step.

We believe as a board that background checks are good for the programs and ALL programs are required to start filling out paperwork and turning it in so we can do proper checks on all coaches and volunteers of our programs.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next General Meeting: April 26<sup>th</sup>

Next Executive Board Meeting: May 24<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully,

Patty Jahn,  
JRC secretary