



Harris County Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2018

- Board Members Present:** Rob Grant, Jeff Allen, Steve Felt (partially absent), Brad Johnson, Lee Starling, Garnett Ray, Becky Langston
- Others Present:** Stephen Waskey– Recreation Director, Ashley Marston – Assistant Recreation Director
- Board Members Absent:** Jairo Gay – out of town *work conference*; Thomas Vowell – *home repairs to take care of*; Sondra Moss – *on vacation*

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Harris County Recreation Board was called to order at 7:12PM on June 27, 2018 at the Harris County Community Center by Chair, R. Grant.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

L. Starling moved to approve the agenda, S. Felt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

June 27, 2018 minutes: S. Felt moved to approve, L. Starling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Regarding Secretary duties for the Rec Board: Lee S., Jeff A., Steve F., Thomas V., Brad J., and Sondra M. will split 1 month in a rotation taking minutes and typing them out. Lee S. was acting Secretary on June 27th and took minutes beginning at the "Approval of Minutes" portion of our meeting.

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a. Reps need to get in their checks per Ashley
 - i. Reps have been notified per Ashley
- b. Magazu scholarship fund is up and running

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. S. Felt moved to approve, L. Starling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Tennis courts
 - i. Work pushed back to Monday July 2
 - ii. Concrete already down
- b. Playground being delivered July 2nd week to Ellerslie Park
 - i. \$60k grant approved and matched
 - 1. Extra \$20k coming from private donor and matched
 - ii. Nov 1st goal given
- c. LL in Allstars District tournaments currently, will update at next meeting on successes
- d. Swim Meet
 - i. Over 50 swimmers at tournament at HC CC

- ii. District meet July 2nd week in Jonesboro then state meet the following week in Tifton
- iii. Stephen is checking if our pool can hold a state/district meet
- e. Community Center open special hours during July 2nd week
 - i. Trimming down hours on Friday's starting next week to end at 4pm instead of 6pm
- f. LL question posed by J. Allen – county wide for B and C ball?
 - i. Stephen says “LL board is discussing it”
 - ii. LL meeting is this Sunday at 4pm to discuss
- g. Football question posed by J. Allen – is HC Football allowing people outside of HC to come in
 - i. Stephen says “No” and gave several reasons why

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. John Magazu Scholarship:
 - i. S. Felt – Chairman
 - ii. J. Allen and J. Gay on the board
 - iii. Needs to get non-profit tax exempt status
 - 1. Steve working on this
 - 2. Then it gets sent back to our board to get approved
- b. Soccer by-laws
 - i. T. Vowell got elected as president of soccer
 - ii. R. Grant went to meeting and gave observations
 - 1. Multiple meetings on same day occurred and it was brought up that they can't do that
 - 2. Took out president voting twice situation
 - 3. Changed quorum situation
 - 4. Took out “kids from other counties” part
 - 5. Their board members need to have background checks

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. By-laws
 - i. Our by-laws need to show that soccer by-laws need to come before HC Rec Board for approval
 - ii. Every member of HC Rec Board needs to have a full background check along with every board that falls under us
- b. Soccer
 - i. A need to expand their committee to include other members (?)
- c. Motion to amend the bylaws and add in background checks
 - i. J. Allen made motion
 - ii. B. Johnson seconded
- d. Motion to add the requirement of all YSA boards to submit all by-laws to our Rec Board for common knowledge (?)
 - i. J. Allen made motion
 - ii. S. Felt seconded
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously
- e. Archery
 - i. Stephen discussed archery and asked about us absorbing archery as a program under the HC Recreation Department
 - 1. Insurance was discussed
 - ii. Currently using the field beside the CC
 - iii. Alex (president) spoke
 - 1. David is the Treasurer and Ryan is the Vice President
 - 2. Lots of partners to generate money and momentum
 - 3. 7 archers from HC went to a state wide tournament and placed well
 - a. 1 advanced to nationals
 - 4. Looking to expand
 - a. Need more targets/members/access to make this happen
 - 5. 3rd grade through high school levels currently
 - 6. They loan out bows and have 6 total bows to loan out

7. One great reason to join the Rec Board is because it will make them eligible to receive a \$4000 grant which would give them new targets and fresh working money
 8. Parents getting certified as coaches currently
 9. Spending \$400 per year for range upkeep currently
 10. Great family sport with several adults involved
 11. Would like to build coverage for shooting shade
 12. Southern Addiction out of Waverly Hall provides indoor space when necessary
 13. FDR state park shoots happen once per month
 14. 25 current members
 15. May be room to grow into the high school in the future (shotgun team?)
 16. Discussed 4H opportunity
 17. \$150 provides full year membership
 18. HCArchery.com is the website
 19. We are going to be looking over the by-laws of Archery before the next Rec Board meeting
- iv. L. Starling made a motion to add archery as a program under the HC Recreation Department
 - v. S. Felt seconded that motion
 - vi. Motion passed unanimously
- f. Open Records Act – Becky Langston
- i. All records can be looked at for any reason at any time if requested
 - ii. Rec Boards can be subpoenaed
 - iii. Need to be very careful about what you put in emails pertaining to public info
 - iv. Stephen made copies of handouts from Mrs. Becky and handed out
 - v. No email voting
 - vi. Any open records requests must be adhered to
- g. LL Senior boys would like us to support them financially - Mary
- i. Banquet Friday July 6th
 - ii. State Tournament July 7th at HCHS, 6 team bracket
 - iii. Asking for donations and help from volunteers and food and drinks
 - iv. Left open on the table (no vote)
- h. It was discussed that the 12u girls softball team won the district tournament while the Rec meeting was happening
- i. Cathy Magazu
- i. Diagnosed with cancer and currently going through treatment
 - ii. John is receiving phone calls if you are so inclined
 - iii. Ashley is sending a card from the board

IX. ADJOURNMENT

L. Starling moved to adjourn the meeting; J. Allen seconded; unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

R. Grant, Chair

Attest:

Lee Starling, WHYSA Rep, HC Recreation Board