

Long Beach Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 2, 2009

Members present: Dewayne Bush, President; Joanne Carr, Vice President; Kerri Caldarelli, Treasurer; Rhonda Johnson, Secretary; and Scott Dubuisson. Also present was Bob Paul, Recreation Director.

Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept made by Rhonda Johnson; seconded by Joanne Carr; passed unanimously.

Bob Paul gave updates on the Recreation/Senior Center. Bids are out for flooring, bleachers, etc. to finish the building. The Rotarians would like their insignia on the center court floor. There is no open date yet. Regarding the baseball fields: the Mayor is to get with Marlin Ladner - will the county maintain? March 28th is the scheduled opening for baseball.

The meeting with Matt Campbell, FBI Agent, has been changed to Thursday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the LBMS Cafeteria.

Insurance for the Spring season was discussed. There is a new rider on the insurance. A \$5 user fee will also be charged. O'Malley and Babe Ruth will combine insurance fees, but can write their own checks for insurance. The user fee is separate.

Discussion was held on league insurance. Can a national organization be used or does it have to be the City's? Which would be most cost effective? Motion was made by Scott Dubuisson to look into the cost effectiveness of insurance. Motion seconded by Joanne Carr and passed unanimously.

ID cards are available for \$5 for those who have already passed the background check. From here on it will cost \$22.50 for ID cards and background checks. Basketball had a cost of approximately \$1500. Anyone who wishes to simply volunteer (not a coach/assistant coach or other designated person required to have a check) in a league sport must pay for their own background checks. Checks can be made by the City of Long Beach. We are looking at approximately \$10,000 for all leagues. We as a Rec. Board need to advise leagues of the number of coaches to pay for in each sports' league (for example t-ball needs 3 persons, not just 2).

MS Gulf Coast Mental Health and the Long Beach P.D. is waiting on O'Malley and the softball league to get together to set a date for training.

Forms books for leagues was discussed. These forms include a consent form, financial forms, and codes of conduct forms. Anyone with an electronic copy please send these to Dewayne.

All city leagues need to be represented at our next meeting February 16, 2009, to be given the forms books and to review them. A work session will be held on Monday, February 9, at 6:30 to put the booklets together.

Jessica Marshall, President of Cheerleading, addressed the Board. Friday, February 6, 2009, an elementary dance is scheduled at LBMS. This is a fund-raiser for the Cheerleading Association. Motion made stating that this dance is outside the realm of league activities by Joanne Carr. Motion seconded by Scott Dubuisson and passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Rhonda Johnson; seconded by Joanne Carr; passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting Monday, February 16, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.