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Long Beach Recreational Advisory Committee
Minutes
December 15, 2008

Members present: Dewayne Bush, Ray McCrae, Rhonda Johnson, Kerri Caldarelli, Toni DiLorenzo. Also present was Bob Paul, Recreation Director.

Motion was made by Kerri Caldarelli to accept previous meetings' minutes. Motion seconded by Toni DiLorenzo and passed unanimously.

Discussion held regarding basketball. Class has been completed, background checks done (only 3 pending). Season will begin January 5th.

Discussion held regarding keeping a database of training completed by coaches, this is to be handled by Bob Paul. Also discussed TLC2. This group does coach Ids, uses same background company we are now using, and offers training. There is a \$995 one-time sign-up fee, then a \$22.50 fee per background check/ID. This group is also recommended by the NRPA.

Mrs. Cruthirds from Gulf Coast Mental Health addressed the Board. Information was given regarding parents/teachers/other caregivers and the issue of child sexual abuse. Also information given on coping with fear and anxiety. Discussion was held on the class given by Stephanie Stewart, Long Beach P.D. Her class is a 2-hour session and is mandatory for coaches and board members. It will be voluntary for parents and other care-givers. The Board discussed offering this training 3 times a year, and it will be mandatory training for all head coaches, assistant coaches, and board members. Also, First Aid/CPR training should be mandatory for all head coaches and board members. Discussion was held on holding all registrations earlier than previously done so all training/background checks can be completed.

The National Standards for Youth Sports was given to all Board members to review with the possibility of adding a "24 hour cool down" period for all complaints. Also a policy for reporting needs to be put in place. The Player/Parent Code of Ethics is also under advisement by this Board.

Motion was made by Toni DiLorenzo to accept the National Standards for Youth Sports. Motion was rescinded.

Recommendation was made to change terminology from Long Beach Recreational Advisory Committee to Long Beach Recreation Board and make it an administrative board, not just an advisory board. Motion was made by Kerri Caldarelli and seconded by Toni DiLorenzo. Motion passed (David Marks voted via proxy).

Discussion held to review TLC2 for possible adoption. Web sites include www.nrpa.org; www.nrpa.org/TLC2.

Discussion held on amount of manpower needed to keep all required databases on new training/background check requirements. Motion made by Kerri Caldarelli to request the Long Beach City Council hire at least 2 persons for the Recreation Department: 1 as an administrative assistant and 1 as a laborer. Motion was seconded by Toni DiLorenzo and passed unanimously.

Motion made by Kerri Caldarelli to request Long Beach City Council to hire a full-time grant writer for the City. Motion seconded by Toni DiLorenzo and passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Ray McCrae and seconded by Rhonda Johnson. Passed unanimously.