

Long Beach Recreational Advisory Committee
October 30, 2008
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Dewayne Bush, President. Members present were Ray McCrea, Toni Dilorenzo, Kerry Caldarelli, Joanne Carr, and Rhonda Johnson. David Marks arrived at meeting at 8:20, before LBYBL issues were discussed.

Background checks for coaches in city leagues were discussed. In doing background checks, only local checks have been run by law enforcement. This has resulted in issues arising that are in need of attention. One background check, in particular, has resulted in a person coaching in Long Beach with a felony sex offender conviction on his record. This did not show up on our background check, as only a local check was done. This individual also did not disclose on the form that he had a prior criminal conviction (answered "no" to the question).

A motion was made by Toni Dilorenzo to not allow Mr. Scott Yancey to coach in any league in the City of Long Beach. Motion was seconded by Joanne Carr and passed unanimously.

A motion was also made to suspend Mr. Yancey from attending any recreation activities, pending a ruling from Frank McCrary, city attorney. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held on how to obtain more thorough background checks for volunteers who work with our city youth. As a member of the National Parks and Recreation, the City of Long Beach Recreational Department can join a group called "TLC2", who performs background checks based on a set of criteria given by our Rec. Dept. Further investigation and discussion of this will be needed before a decision is made. At our next meeting a list of criteria will be compiled by all members of the LBRAC.

A motion was made by Joanne Carr to establish a new position with the LBRAC as "Treasurer". This person will be responsible for checking the financial records of city leagues that are to be submitted monthly to the LBRAC. Motion was seconded by Toni Dilorenzo and passed unanimously.

The issues and concerns of the LBYBL were discussed. Mr. Bryan VonderBruegge has compiled a list of such, and this list was given to all members of the Board. The list consists of 12 issues regarding members of the baseball board, 10 issues regarding the keeping of minutes and financial records, and 4 issues regarding players eligible to play in the league. Each point was discussed among Board members. A meeting is to be held on November 17th to address these specific issues. The LBYBL board and any concerned parents/coaches are expected to be at this meeting.

At 9:45 p.m. Toni Dilorenzo made a motion to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Rhonda Johnson and passed unanimously.