

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMISSION

JANUARY 14, 2015 MINUTES

Attendees: Fairfield, Davis, Fiedor, McComb, Messina, Riggs, Rispoli, Audet and Pfromner.

Gallagher and Warrell excused.

1. Minutes:

December 10, 2014 minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0-2 (Fairfield and Fiedor abstained.)

2. Presentations/Public:

EHTBA-

President Brian Hawkes spoke about the second 11U Travel Team. Brian indicated that EHTBA was lead to believe that they could commence with the program. Therefore, tryouts, coaches and bank account have been set.

Chairman Fairfield advised that the Travel teams were to be a pilot program with one team per level. Additional Travel teams come into play when a coach or parent has a child that doesn't make the first team and decides to start their own team or look for another Travel team.

Brian Hawkes stated that all players are eligible for Travel, Recreation and All Stars. Travel teams play on weekends while the Rec League is conducted during the week. EHTBA by-laws state that, in order to play on any of the EHTBA teams, players may only play for EHT. Their goal is to keep the EHT Rec League strong. Every Travel team consists of EHT residents only and are under the Recreation umbrella and involved in competitive leagues.

Commissioner McComb felt that pulling additional players from the Rec League to play Travel would hurt the Rec League. She stated that Travel players should be role models and play both.

Commissioner Messina advised that in 1997 all players were mandated to play in the Rec League with Travel. There were no issues.

Brian Hawkes said that Somers Point, Northfield and Linwood are all competitive leagues that are involved in Travel programs.

Vice President Vicky Hawkes stated that the Chairman Fairfield previously stated that the Recreation Commission would not micro-manage Baseball. She said that the majority of the Travel players will also play in the Rec League.

Treasurer Kim Feinstein questioned why two 11U travel teams would present a problem? Especially due to the fact that Cape/Atlantic Football has A & B teams at each level. Thereby affording more children the opportunity to participate. He felt that Travel teams better the program.

Regina Budd stated that if the higher level programs are not offered in EHT the parents will take their children elsewhere to fulfill this need.

Steve Alverson advised that several fields need to have fencing replaced at Veteran's Park. He stated that EHTBA has a surplus of funds and is willing to help with a fencing project.

Vicky Hawkes complained that EHTBA inquired whether electric could be run to their blue box. They wish to house their golf carts in the box and need electricity to charge them. To date, electricity has not been run to this box.

Committeewoman Laura Pfromner and Recreation Director Audet agreed that EHT Recreation Organizations should not go directly to Public Works with their requests. The requests should be submitted to the EHT Recreation department and/or EHT Recreation Commission. The request, if warranted, would be forwarded to Public Works via Recreation Department. Ergo, a paper trail would be created and work can be verified.

Township Administrator Peter Miller and Public Works Director Al Simerson will attend the February 11, 2015 meeting to address Field Rotation. Presidents of all EHT Recreation Organizations were advised of this meeting and were encouraged to attend this meeting. They should also send a representative to each of the Recreation Commission meetings. Public Works should also be represented at the Recreation Commission meetings.

EHT Lacrosse-

President Kristy Gargan advised that the Lacrosse season will commence on March 1, 2015. She advised that they will utilize the school gyms for conditioning prior to the start of their season.

3. Old Business:

Security cameras-

Vice Chair Ray Davis indicated that two vendors have submitted proposals. One of which proposed more cameras and under budget.

Financial Subcommittee-

Commissioner Rispoli presented the Financial Policy. A change will be made under the category of "AUDITS OF THE BOOKS". Specifically, the paragraph will be revamped. The following statement will apply. "It is recommended that audits are performed at least at the end of each season. Audits shall be performed by an independent accounting firm which is not affiliated with your board of directors, or three (3) non-board members to serve on the "audit committee". If deemed necessary, the Recreation Commission should perform such audits. This committee will be subject to each organizations' by-laws." Once approved, the policy will be sent to the Board Presidents of each organization.

Policies and Procedures-

Tabled until the February 11, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Messina will email the Policy Statement from 2008 for comparison.

4. New Business:

2014 Coach of the Year-

Cameron Bell, EHT Soccer, was selected, by a vote of 7-0. Cameron will be invited to the March 11, 2015 meeting for the presentation of this award.

Pickle Ball-

Commissioner McComb inquired about the progress of the indoor Pickle Ball program at the EHT Community Center.

Director Audet stated that the program must be approved and adhere to Township By-laws. Scheduling, staffing and fees must be consistent with other Recreation programs. It is projected that the Auxiliary gym can house one court. Bill Gionetti is the Pickle Ball Ambassador in the area.

Recreation Commission nomination-

Vice-Chair Davis advised that he will be stepping down from the Recreation Commission commencing after the February 11, 2015 meeting. Ray has been appointed Chief of Police.

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair were requested. Commissioner McComb nominated Commissioner Rispoli. Commissioner Fiedor nominated Commissioner Messina. Commissioner Rispoli advised that if Commissioner Messina was interested in the Vice-Chair position she would be happy to continue on as the Secretary and withdrawal her name from the nomination. Commissioner Messina accepted the nomination. Rispoli withdrew her name. Nominations will be received at the February 11, 2015 meeting. A vote will commence on that date.

Calendar of Events-

Commissioner Fiedor requested that the Recreation website include a calendar denoting scheduled activities at the EHT Community Center.

5. Correspondence:

EHTYO-

An email was sent to Wanda Schafer, Assistant to the Director of Recreation, concerning insurance. EHTYO Football requested a change to the insurance policy to include 5 year old participants. Director Audet will obtain clarification of the policy to ascertain whether the policy can cover 5 year old participants.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.