

Egg Harbor Township Board of Recreation Commissioners Meeting  
EHT Community Center  
5045 English Creek Avenue  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

6:00 pm

Chairwoman Rispoli called the meeting to order 6:08 pm.

Recreation Director, Richard Audet, read the opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Toni-Lynn Rispoli	Present
	William Warrell	Present
	Justin Riggs	Excused (Due to College Course)
	Charles Gallagher	Present
	Paul Weldon	Present
	Kevin Stetser	Present
	Amy Smith	Present
	Paul Trinkle	Present
	Christine Gras	Present

Also present Parks and Recreation Director, Richard Audet, and members from the EHT Jr. Wrestling organization: Kara Driscoll, Jill Mensch, Stan Toro, and Maria Italiano-McGreevy. The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the financials of Jr. Wrestling and the reason supporting documentation has been not been received in over eleven months as requested.

Chairwoman Rispoli began that there are grave issues regarding withdrawals for the 2017 season. There were many withdrawals with no explanation or receipts, deposits were not followed with the policy and procedures manual and we have not been given the information that states number of kids/teams at tournaments or matches and what was charged.

Jill Mench, Treasurer for Wrestling, stated that they had to give money back from tournament, they did not do a good job of collecting money from some teams. Chairwoman Rispoli asks what was the deposit for on January 20<sup>th</sup> for \$2,300.66 and Jill believes it is for preregistration for the tournament and they are then asked about a February deposit for \$4,200 and they said it was from the Beef and Beverage event. Chairwoman Rispoli asks who has debit cards to the account. Jill stated she did, Nikki did (past president) and Kurt Driscoll did. Commissioner Gras asks if Kurt is a board member and Jill stated no. Chairwoman Rispoli said no one other than Executive Board members should have a debit card. Jill stated she is aware of that now and she has collected all cards and she has the only card.

Director Audet begins asking about specific withdrawals. He asked on April 14<sup>th</sup> there was a cash ATM withdrawal for \$223 in Wildwood Crest and Kara Driscoll, President of Wrestling, stated that was for War at the Shore coaching passes. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200 was withdrawn from ATM and both Jill and Kara stated that was for Nationals about 12 kids and 4 coaches went. Chairwoman Rispoli then asked about hotel rooms. She stated that the board was not given minutes as requested showing approval of funds to be used for coaches rooms. Coaches rooms are not to be paid for with registration fees. Have a fundraiser but do not use registration fees. Director Audet then asks about the June 22<sup>nd</sup> \$200 ATM withdrawal that is in the offseason. Kara said that was for a tournament in Atlantic City where the coaches passes range \$50/\$60. Director Audet asked if there are any receipts or proof to any of these withdrawals. They both answered no. Director Audet continues per our October 23<sup>rd</sup> letter do you have a summary of the tournaments listing how many kids and charge. Kara turns to Stan Toro, Vice President, and they begin discussing numbers but not sure because past president Nikki Franklin did 99.9% of the registrations.

Commissioner Stetser stated we keep doing this and nothing is getting accomplished. They keep showing up with zero paperwork and zero proof at some point they have to say they can't run the organization. They have been involved with township sports long enough to know this is not how this should be ran.

Director Audet then asks about a receipt for 2 bouquets of flowers and a cake on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Kara asked to see the receipt and believes it is for the banquet.

Chairwoman Rispoli then asks about a check that was signed by Kurt Driscoll. She turns to Jill and comments that is direct reflection on her because again he is not a board member and he should not be signing any checks. Jill acknowledges that she should not have allowed that. Chairwoman Rispoli then proceeds to read the October 23<sup>rd</sup> letter aloud. Chairwoman Rispoli turns to Dr. Maria Italiano-McGreevy, Wrestling Secretary, and asks if she had been given Treasurer reports for the dates provided and she stated she did not. Chairwoman Rispoli then proceeds to read Kara Driscoll's response to October 23<sup>rd</sup> letter. Commissioner Stetser states this is just astonishing we are continuing down this road.

Director Audet agrees and states to the Wrestling Board that you've put us in a bad situation. Nothing can be justified and I believe this rises to a level of negligence especially when you cannot verify cash withdrawals or Fernwood Avenue tournament registration numbers. Commissioner Smith than states this information has to be turned over to Director Audet's bosses. Commissioner Gras asked the Wrestling board if they discussed this situation with your board at last meeting. They said no.

Commissioner Weldon said we should make a motion for them to be on probation with zero tolerance through February 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Warrell seconded, all in favor.

Special meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

*Minutes as heard by Christine Gras.*

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Toni Rispoli, Chairperson

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Christine Gras, Secretary

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These minutes were approved at the December 13, 2017

Recreation Commission Meeting

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