

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2004
Burton Wells Recreation Center
2:30 P.M.

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman
William Grayson
Michael Manesiotis
Calvin White

H.C. Boehm, Jr., Deputy Administrator, Development & Services Division

Absent: Orethia White, Vice Chair
William Brown
Allan Stern
Corinne Hagood

PALS Staff: John Miller, Director, Northern Beaufort PALS
Joe Penale, Director, Southern Beaufort PALS
Jeannie Wells, Assistant to the Directors, PALS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Middleton called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF September 2, 2004 AGENDA

No quorum. Less than four voting members present.

APPROVAL OF August 5, 2004 MINUTES

No quorum. Less than four voting members present.

Mr. Mobley arrived at 2:39 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF GYMNASTICS CERTIFICATES- BC SPARKLERS

Mr. Middleton announced that the certificate presentations would be done at the Sports Academy. David Kirkwood requested this so the girls can be recognized in front of their parents and peers. The date for presentation is September 14 at 5:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDANCE

The County Administrator, Gary Kubic, sent a letter out stating the adult basketball league has been cancelled indefinitely. This was done because of the shooting incident that occurred about 3 weeks ago at Burton Wells. Mr. Mobley asked if any other leagues were being considered for cancellation. Mr. Miller stated no other leagues were involved or considered. Mr. White asked if there was supervision at these games. Mr. Miller explained that PALS has

two paid Sheriff's on duty during all adult basketball games and they were both present when the shooting occurred. Mr. Grayson asked what ages the youth involved were. They were over 18 years old.

Mr. Miller reiterated what the letter from PALS stated, regarding a decision from the PALS Program Committee on the ages of children served by PALS sports programs. A decision is needed for all other youth sports.

Mr. Boehm explained that Mr. Kubic wants the PALS Board Program Committee to decide what their view is on the 15 year old and up youth basketball league. Adult basketball has been the only problematic sport for the county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mobley brought up the Weightlifting Program and that he met with a couple board members to discuss the future of the program. The possibility of having Weight lifting at Mink Point came up. Some renovations will need to be done at Mink Point before that is possible. Mr. Middleton assured that the Weightlifting Program is not null and void, simply slow to get started.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

Mr. Miller announced that PALS has a new Administrative Assistant II, Stacie Hawkins. She previously worked on the recreation side with the children. We are also recommending Laura Brandenburg for the Recreation Leader position. The Sports Jamboree will be Saturday, September 11. Several supervisory staff members attended a Parks & Recreation Conference in North Charleston, SC. PALS is preparing for Hurricane Frances. The Burton Wells Center will serve as the official Recovery Operations Center for the county.

Mr. Penale announced that SOB sports registrations are up over 100 since last year. All is well.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Middleton welcomed Mr. Calvin White to the PALS Board. Mr. White is the School District representative serving *ex-officio*.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Grayson brought up the concern of lights on soccer fields in Bluffton. Mr. Penale said he sent an E-mail to Don Smith, a Beaufort County Engineer, to see if this has gone out to bid yet and has not received a response. There are most likely four fields that need lighting; Bluffton Center, Shults Park, Basil Green and M.C. Riley.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at Burton Wells Center, 1 Middleton Recreation Drive, Burton, SC, 29906.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

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