

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD
PROGRAM COMMITTEE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004
Burton Wells Recreation Center
3:30 P.M.



Present: William Grayson
Corinne Hagood

Absent: William Brown
Michael Manesiotis

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Hagood called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

Mr. Miller explained the purpose for this meeting was to review the age groupings of the PALS youth's athletic leagues. Mr. Penale and Mr. Miller has recommended to the PALS Board, in writing at the last PALS Board Meeting on September 2, 2004, that PALS services ages from three or four up to fifteen. This would eliminate leagues that have youth that are ages sixteen through eighteen.

Mr. Grayson expressed the concern that this is most likely the most troubled age group and probably needs the program more than anybody.

All members present reviewed the ages served. (see attachment) Mr. Miller explained that it is up to the Program Committee and the PALS Board to now make a recommendation.

Mrs. Hagood asked about participation levels in the age group above 15. Mr. Miller explained that if the program has five teams, that is fortunate.

No one over the age of 15 would have any sports programs.

Mr. Grayson expressed that he does not feel this decision is the right thing to do. Mrs. Hagood asked if these problems were with other sports and Mr. Miller told her that basketball was the main problem. Mrs. Hagood added that she did not feel the children over 15 years old should be penalized for the wrong doings of other people.

Mr. Grayson and Mrs. Hagood officially recommended that the ages for PALS youth programs remain the same. However, if anyone acts inappropriately we need to exclude those particular players, not the entire age group.

This subject will be on the October 2004 PALS Board Meeting Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 PM.

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