

**BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004**  
**Burton Wells Recreation Center**  
**2:30 P.M.**

Present: Arthur Middleton, Chairman  
Orethia White, Vice Chair  
Corinne Hagood  
William Grayson  
Michael Manesiotis  
  
H.C. Boehm, Jr., Deputy Administrator, Public Services

Absent: Calvin White  
William Brown  
Allan Stern

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 2:31 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF October 7, 2004 AGENDA**

**Mr. Manesiotis motioned to approve October 7, 2004 agenda.**

**Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF September 2, 2004 MINUTES**

**Mrs. Hagood motioned to approve September 2, 2004 minutes.**

**Mrs. White seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF September 2, 2004 AGENDA and August 5, 2004 MINUTES**

**Mr. Grayson motioned to approve September 2, 2004 agenda & August 5, 2004 minutes.**

**Mr. Mobley seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **PROGRAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PALS YOUTH SPORTS**

Mrs. Hagood summarized the purpose and outcome of the Program Committee Meeting. She explained that the individuals responsible for the improper behavior in the 15 to 17 year old Basketball League should be penalized and not the entire age group. The overall recommendation was that the ages for youth sports remain the same. Mr. Middleton and Mr. Mobley asked for clarification from Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller explained that the decision to cancel the Adult Basketball League in Beaufort County was made by the County Administrator. Southern Beaufort does not have an Adult Basketball League so this affects only Northern Beaufort.

Mr. Mobley asked if there were any problems with the 15-17 year old Basketball League. Mr. Miller stated that there were several incidents including a firearm incident at St. Helena, a fight at Greene Street and a disturbance in Bluffton.

Mr. Grayson explained there was some confusion as to whether the decision affected only basketball or the entire PALS athletic programs. A recommendation was made by the Program Committee that the groupings for all PALS athletic programs remain as is. Mr. Miller apologized that there was some confusion and that Mr. Kubic wanted the Board to look at the 15-17 year old Basketball League and whether to continue it or not. Mr. Penale and Mr. Miller had recommended to the Program Committee that if PALS eliminated 15-17 year old basketball then all the groupings should be same across the board. The Program Committee did not agree. Mr. Boehm explained that the question at hand was, do we cancel 15-17 year old basketball or not?

The PALS Board verbally agreed that the individuals responsible for the improper behavior should be removed and this should be made clear to all players before the season begins. *Mr. Mobley made a motion to continue 15-17 boys basketball and Mrs. Hagood seconded the motion, however, because the recommendation was made at the Program Committee meeting, by the Program Committee a motioned recommendation is not needed.* The final decision is that 15-17 year old Basketball will remain as is.

Mrs. White recommended that the coaches should have some activities for the youth to do besides basketball, something that would give the players ownership of the program and guard their behavior. Mr. Middleton agreed that counseling and guidance is needed in the selected coaches.

Mr. Grayson asked if there are background checks being done for all coaches including basketball. During last year's season, they were not being done but will be this season.

Mrs. White asked if there were any problems with the 13-15 year old Soccer League. (The age cut off is December 1<sup>st</sup>) Mr. Miller announced that another assignment for the Program Committee would be to look into allowing girls to play in the boy's league. Mr. Boehm explained that there is a girl playing in the boy's league because the girl's father wanted her to get a higher level of competition. There was an incident against the girl from members of another team. All coaches were notified that there may be some retaliation from the girl's team. Mr. Boehm stated that PALS does not have a boy's or girl's league but a Co-Ed League. Most areas around the state also have a Co-Ed League.

*\*Unanimous decision to continue Co-Ed Soccer League by the Board.*

## **BEAUFORT COUNTY SENIOR GAMES**

Mr. Miller announced that the Senior Games will be held at Sun City in the Bluffton area November 1-5. Normally Mr. Stern would be here to talk about the games but is obviously doing very well at volleyball.

## **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDANCE**

Mrs. White inquired about the Hilton Head Parks & Recreation Commission Walk-Through-the-Parks Inspection. Mr. Penale said he does have a date for that and will call Mrs. White to let her know what it is.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Program Committee report already given.

## **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

### *Northern Beaufort County*

Mr. Miller announced that the county is now reviewing covenants on Ft. Fremont for future purchase. The Port Royal Open House will be on October 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. and all Board members are encouraged to attend. PALS now has two sports photographers; Event Photos for Northern Beaufort and Willie Rice Photography for Southern Beaufort. This will go before the Public Services Committee of County Council during the next scheduled meeting on October 12, 2004. PALS has received the funding needed from CIP Bonds to replace 3 PALS vans to adhere to Jacob's Law. The Lady's Island park appraisals on 24 acres in the Marsh Hawk area is being done. Registration for basketball begins on Monday, October 11, 2004. Mr. Miller invited the Board members to visit Burton Wells Park on a Saturday to see all the sports going on in one setting. PALS Aquatics is trying to expand the Learn to Swim Program through PE classes at Beaufort High School. Laura Brandenburg is the new Recreation Leader at Burton Wells. Mr. Miller would like to schedule a meeting with the Long Range Planning Committee and Mr. Penale to review the CIP Program and update the current list. Mr. Miller will be attending the National Recreation & Parks Association Conference in Reno, NV from October 12-16, 2004.

### *Southern Beaufort County*

Mr. Penale announced that Bristol State Park has received \$96K on upgrades and replacements. Barker Field expansion is almost complete with an observation deck overlooking Port Royal Sound. Memorandums of Agreements are being worked on for Bluffton Oyster Factory and Buckwalter Park. Phase 1 of Buckwalter Park will be two soccer fields and a restroom. The paperwork for the lighting projects for Shults Park, M.C.Riley and Basil Green has been completed. Dafuskie Island playground will be receiving some playground equipment. Camp St. Mary's is under demolition. \$400K has been reserved in the CIP for rebuilding the site. The Bluffton Swim Team just completed the State Finals and the swim team has three state champions, two in multiple events.

Mrs. White asked when the next Phase for Burton Wells is taking place. Mr. Miller said that he would like to evaluate Phase 2 of Burton Wells with the Long Range Planning Committee.

Mr. Manesiotis asked if the plan to build restrooms at Crossings Park will be implemented and when. Mr. Penale answered that no restrooms will be built due to cost.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Grayson asked if the Board members could receive a list of what sports are being played when and where in both Northern and Southern Beaufort. Also, how many children

participated in each age group and how many fields were used in each area. (NOB, SOB and HHI)

**NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting is Thursday, November 4, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. at Scott Community Center, 242 Scott Hill Road, St. Helena Island, SC, 29920.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

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