



RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Santaquin City Council Chambers
February 8, 2016

Board Members Present: Councilman Hathaway, Vice Chair Bezzant, Chairperson Ashmore, Joe Anderson, Ashlyn Eliason

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Dennis Marker, Recreation and Events Coordinator Amy Johnson

The meeting was called to order at: 6:10pm

Inspirational Thought/Invocation: Chairperson Ashmore shared an inspirational thought

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairperson Ashmore led the pledge

Minutes: Chairperson Ashmore motioned to approve the minutes with grammatical changes, Board member Bezzant seconded. Board member Eliason abstained from the vote due to not being in the meeting. Minutes were approved.

Public Forum: No public present. Chairperson Ashmore wanted to address the issue of the board's role. A discussion was held about the board's purview on policy items and the ability for the recreation staff to change that direction. Based on the establishing ordinance, the recreation department operates under the direction of the mayor and "broad policy guidance of the recreation board."

Board member Anderson asked why the city doesn't participate in the Cal Ripken or Babe Ruth leagues instead of the UBBA. Mrs. Johnson asked Board member Anderson to bring more information to the next board meeting.

Board member Anderson asked about the soccer fields at the south interchange. Councilmember Hathaway shared that the fields are a priority for this year. Board member Eliason expressed a desire to get 3-on-3 tournaments and making sure the fields could be used for multiple events. Board member Anderson opined that the fields should be done right and take the time to build them to last and be graded.

Chairperson Ashmore commented that an additional basketball practice would be nice before the games start. The board discussed other communication needed like providing to parents more information about where teams are playing or practicing, additional signage at playing locations or maps could be sent. More simplified write ups would be helpful. Some coach training would also be helpful for first time coaches.

Agenda Items:

- Update on the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt

Mrs. Johnson reported that the events budget pays for the events and donations have covered all the expenses this year. This year we will have a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny". To eat breakfast with the bunny there is a fee to help offset costs and have a profit. Councilmember Hathaway shared the Mayor's desire to build this into a spring festival and greater family event. Perhaps a 5K run before the event with vendors and activities when the weather is warmer.

- Discussion and possible action on Player Evaluations that will be held in March

Based on the weather the player evaluations would need to be inside but the school will not allow us to be inside due to past damage. The Payson HS basement is not available. It was suggested by Board member Anderson that if the only purpose is to find pitchers than you can do that outside. Everyone should be invited to attend and the coaches could be invited to pick and run the drills. Evaluations begin at 3rd grade. Evaluations will be on March 12 at 9am. The name could be changed to a “skills day” so kids won’t be intimidated to come.

- Discussion and possible action on field rentals

The concern for this policy is whether City teams have priority over accelerated teams wanting to use public fields. Mrs. Johnson suggested that city teams would have priority and if the leagues want a set time they should rent the fields. Mrs. Johnson will prepare a policy for the board to consider during the next meeting. Board member Bezzant suggested signs could be placed at the fields like the bowery rentals so people know if a field is scheduled. The board discussed options for “renting” the fields and possible ways of non-league teams providing service in exchange for field reservations. Perhaps a seasonal fee can be paid with the field schedule being fully under the control of recreation staff and city slots being reserved for city teams.

- Update on the park signs

Mr. Marker shared that the city building official is preparing drawings for the signs, which will then be shared with different companies to see what options may be available for materials, lighting, costs, etc.

Reports of Officials and Staff:

Mrs. Johnson noted that Little Miss activities are ramping up.

Board member Anderson asked if parents or other adults could receive credit or vouchers for helping referee or umpire tournament games. There may be issues with taxes and/or quality of services. Ultimately is there a way to entice more adults to help with leagues?

Mr. Marker noted that the City’s recreation plan consultants are meeting with the city on Wednesday at 9am to discuss the plan status.

Next meeting will be March 14th at 6pm

Adjournment: Chairperson Ashmore made the motion to adjourn. Board Member Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor we were adjourn at 7:41pm

Cassidy Ashmore, Chair

Dennis Marker, Assistant City Manager

