

RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 15, 2007

7:00 PM

PRESENT: Melissa Hemple, T. Carl Hemple Sr., Sam Hunter, Cyndy Wilks, Dulce Gomez, Brian Swanson

Meeting was called to order by Chairman T. Carl Hemple Sr.

The Meeting was blessed by Sam Hunter

Flag Salute

Committee Reports –

Girl's Basketball – Issue of girls playing this season was resolved. Danielle Dixon, President of the Girl's Basketball League, was present as was 4 of her coaches. Danielle stated that most of the problems were taken care of and the security issue was resolved. Background of issue – On October 2, Melissa received an e-mail from the Board of Education that Girl's Basketball was being taken off of the October agenda due to the lack of a security plan. Melissa and Danielle worked with the city and the Board of Education to resolve the problem and on October 12 the issue was resolved. An anonymous donor has graciously agreed to pay for the cost of security. The total security cost was approximately \$1300.00. Security is being provided by the High School security personnel. The girls missed two games but they will be made up during the season.

Cyndy Wilks commented on the success of the girl's basketball league and wished that the situation could have been handled differently.

Danielle stated, "This is the biggest year ever with 60 girls signed up."

Little League – Members present included: President-Alonzo Bishop, V. President-Curt Morgan, and Treasurer-Les Hall along with coaches. Chairman Hemple brought up the issue of the season being cut short, missing paperwork and other deficiencies that must be addressed and corrected by the League. Alonzo Bishop stated that the League "dropped the ball" this year and the league is in the process of correcting their problems. Mr. Bishop also stated that there was paperwork they didn't understand specifically the 501c paperwork and the One-Year Plan.

Code of Conduct – Mr. Bishop also stated that they "dropped the ball" as far as the Code of Conduct was concerned. The papers were handed out in the middle of the season with the expectation they would be returned in time to give to Melissa. When asked how the League was going to rectify this Mr. Bishop stated that the Code of Conduct forms would be signed by the parents when they bring their child to sign-ups.

One-Year Plan – Les Hall stated he has the plan but there were things he didn't understand. He stated he wrote things down about fundraising and the goals themselves, for example: signing up

as many kids as possible and letting the kids have a good time making memories since that is what the league is all about.

501C – Mr. Hall again stated there were things he didn't understand regarding the application. The papers were turned over to an accountant but the papers were returned with nothing done to them. The League is willing to accept help if anyone wanted to offer their assistance. Mr. Hall also stated that this is the first year they have ever had to fill out these things and it is all new to them.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Bishop both stated that a full season was played as well as playoffs and a championship. The season ended a week before All-Stars. Mr. Bishop stated that the League held a meeting and voted not to have All-Stars after learning that they would not have any home games due to the lack of a safety program.

Curt Morgan stated that this year the league was trying to survive and to keep as many kids active and playing ball as possible.

The Board Members present stated that they need more people to step up and attend meetings and volunteer for office. The election for new officers for Little League was set for November 5 at 6 PM.

Sam Hunter volunteered to help the League get organized and to get parents involved in the league. Chairman Hemple was pleased with what the League had to say and believed they could resolve their problems.

Chairman Hemple also said the Rec. Department would like to get a girl's softball league under Little League with Cyndy Wilks running the league. The softball could play inter-league against North Cumberland etc. The girls would play in the far field. The decision would be left up to Little League but if the league voted no another organization would be found.

The subject of parking on the street was addressed as well as parents smoking on bleachers.

Old Business – None

New Business –

On October 13, 2007, Chris Widger was inducted into the Hall of Fame. His World Series ring will be on display in the Hall of Fame for approximately 3 months.

Cyndy Wilks addressed issue of girls playing softball only or is hardball an option-hardball is an option.

Brian Swanson brought up the subject of the basketball courts and the teenagers hanging about them causing trouble with kids leaving the area after playing in games.

Dulce Gomez reported that the Cumberland Soccer Club has the new irrigation system in place on the soccer fields. The fields have been seeded and leveled at no cost to the city. They have been working with Mr. Overdevest who has been a terrific help to them. They are planning on having a new recreation league. The fence has been painted and they are waiting for the rest of the fence. Indoor soccer will be started at Broad Street beginning November 16th. Security must be provided and they will be allowed to use volunteers as security, the security must be presented to the Board of Education.

Director's Report by Melissa Hemple

Church group is working on Nail House sanding it down and Raul Saez will be painting it. Hopefully it will be done before the House tour on December 1.

Zoo Business – Friday and Saturday night 10/19-10/20 Fright Night will be held from 8-11 PM. and for the younger kids Boo at the Zoo will be held on 10/27 from 11-2 PM.

The Holiday Decorating Contest that the Rec. Committee does was mentioned. The contest is by ward for different decorated homes. More information will be forthcoming.

Chairman Hemple stated that committee members should participate in at least 2 rec. events.

Chairman Hemple stated he was very upset with the attendance of committee members. Six members were absent from this meeting and this was a very important meeting as it could have resulted in the building and fields being removed from Little League.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE NOVEMBER 5TH
7:00 PM
HALL OF FAME**