



## RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

August 23, 2010

**Members Present:** David Jerosé, Doug Scott, Sandy Thomason, Alicia Knowles, Tom Parmelee, and Commissioner Margaret Stinnett.

**Members Absent:** Lisa Curran, Tom Hodges and Jim Thompson.

**Staff Present:** Susan Simpson

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sandy Thomason called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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**ACTION:** Doug Scott made a motion to approve the minutes. Alicia Knowles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

## **ITEMS FOR AGENDA FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Simpson gave an athletic update. Approximately 560 boys and girls are signed up for fall baseball and softball. The drafts for the older ages are complete and coaches meetings for the younger ages have taken place. Practices are underway and games will begin after Labor Day. The adult Co-Rec softball league will finish in mid- September and the Men's league will conclude the end of September. The pool closed for the season on August 22. The department closes the pool the Sunday before traditional school convenes. Since our last meeting, three sessions of swim lessons took place and a total of over 400 took lessons during the summer.

Sixteen camps were held during July and August with approximately 235 participants. Nine classes were conducted with a total of 153. The department offered two special events with over 300 attending. The new fall brochure is out and Ms. Simpson mentioned the new look.

Maintenance crews continue work on ballfields and the mowing of all facilities continues. Work on the plant beds and re-mulching took place at Taylor Street Park. The summer maintenance staff has about two more weeks before they leave for the summer.

The attendance for the Flaherty Park Community Center for June was 3592 which is about a 10 % increase over last June and for July the attendance was 5% higher with 4357.

Sandy Thomason mentioned that the numbers for the volleyball and girls basketball camps were down this summer. Both are great camps, so pass the word along for next year.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The first item of business was an update on "Wake Forest Unplugged." Sandy Thomason mentioned that she had taped a segment for the Town's Focus on Wake Forest about the event. Bess Martinson is working on the pledge form and flyer for the 101 activities. The 101 list is complete. The group decided to list sponsors on the website instead of the form since some are still being contacted. The group discussed how pledge forms would be returned. Ms. Simpson stated that the department had survey boxes that could be used. They could put them at Flaherty, Town Hall, the Chamber, the Library, and at the Polar Ice House. Tom Parmelee stated that he got Dick's Sporting Goods to donate 9 \$10 gift cards and some discount coupons. Alicia Knowles said that Paddle Creek will offer ½ price rates for canoe and kayak runs that weekend. Doug Scott reported that Polar Ice House will give free skate rental that weekend. Sandy Thomason mentioned that Wal-Mart donated a \$100 gift card. Ms. Thomason asked for a volunteer(s) to lead the "old fashion" games. The group discussed what exactly they could do from 2-3 p.m. They will pursue equipment for sack races, three legged race, egg race, water balloon toss, etc. Alicia Knowles volunteered to contact Carolyn Furr from the July 4<sup>th</sup> committee to possibly borrow some supplies. Tom Parmelee asked about the Youth Advisory Board helping with the games. Ms. Simpson said that she would ask them at the September 18 meeting. The group discussed the best way to draw for the giveaways. Ms. Simpson suggested that everyone at the event be given a ticket and then we draw from those. The group will continue to email each other as additional sponsors or equipment for the games is secured.

David Jerosé gave a tennis update. Avery Cup is underway with 6 teams in each division this fall. The group has over 300 on their mailing list and is currently accepting applications for a part-time director. He mentioned to Ms. Simpson about the sand on the old courts and getting the maintenance staff to blow them off each week.

The last topic was a recap of the Citizen Board Member Forum. David Jerosé informed the board that it was another excellent forum. He talked about the sessions of particular interest including: Sr. Games, alternate funding, inclusive recreation and the Back to nature session. He told the group that the Swap Shop was again very helpful with current issues facing departments/boards across the state. Mr. Jerosé said that attendance was down this year and that he encouraged all members to attend next year. Commissioner Stinnett reported that she attended the sessions on Friday and that it was very interesting. Ms. Simpson noted that she was one of two elected officials to attend. Ms. Simpson said that the forum was very good and that as always the swap shop was the most informative. She stated that attendance was probably down due to the economy. She also reported that the Chair of the Raleigh Advisory Board won an award to the luncheon.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Susan Simpson, Secretary

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Sandy Thomason, Chairperson