



Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2018

In attendance: Andrew Zaborney, John Berner, Rich O’Brien, Donna Faulkenberry, Steve Zmijewski, Jim Curnal, Chris Uhl, Rob Hilse, Paul Wasserman

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes from the December meeting: Paul Wasserman made a motion to approve the minutes, Donna Faulkenberry seconded, and all were in favor.

COMPLETED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Santa Ride
 - All went well, a successful program overall
 - Should buy a different Santa costume next year
 - Can keep this one as a back-up just in case they add another truck
 - Can try to plan something else to do with the Santa costume
 - Can get more toys and go to a hospital to give them out there
 - Got a complaint that Santa didn’t stop at someone’s fire hydrant
 - The Fire Department has a map of the routes of the fire trucks – can put it on Facebook so people know where they are stopping
 - Need to emphasize that the truck will only stop at fire hydrants, not individual homes so people are waiting for the truck at the hydrant

STATUS OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS:

- Volleyball
 - Going well
- Adult Basketball
 - Program is running well
 - The Facebook postings about the event are effective
- Indoor Soccer
 - Begins Friday, January 12th
 - Have 13 kids for the Friday night league and 94 kids for the Saturday league
 - Participation in the Friday league has been low for the past couple of years

- Have 8 teams in the kindergarten-second grade league and 8 teams in the third-fifth grade league (on Saturday)
- One team still doesn't have a coach
 - Have 3 new coaches willing to get certified
- Flyers were sent out to all of the elementary schools
- Ordered and received all of the shirts
- Need more ice packs

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

- Flag Football
 - Put in the invoice for the shirts before the end of last year
 - Registration is open, closes on February 23rd
 - If you sign up after, a shirt isn't guaranteed
 - Reserved Monday and Friday nights for practice days, will make a schedule when all of the teams are made up
 - Will put out two more communications – one before the end of next week and another a week before registration closes
- Youth Basketball
 - Ended the week of January 7th
 - Not as many kids this year, only about 17 or 18
 - However, the same kids came every night and were dedicated
 - Only had 10 kids the last day
 - Next year: can advertise sooner or advertise at another big REC event
 - Can advertise all upcoming programs on a slideshow at all big events
- T-Ball
 - Registration opens January 15th, will close March 15th
 - Program will run on Saturdays from April through June
 - Going to be a few weeks blocked out for high school games
 - Need some new equipment, will notify Diane about it
- Rutgers Class
 - Will be held on the first Saturday in March
 - This will be before flag football starts
 - Will be 3 hours long and cost \$30.50 per person
 - Certification is good for life
 - Someone else should take the instructor class so they can teach if needed
 - No online forms of the program yet, don't think there are any intentions on making one
 - If someone can't make the March date, a session is held every month in East Brunswick
- Holiday Dinner

- Will send out a new email to decide on a new date and food selections

OLD BUSINESS:

- Budget
 - No update
- Communications Updates
 - Will send out reminders about Flag Football twice and T-Ball opening registration next week

NEW BUSINESS:

- East Brunswick – Flag Football Inquiry
 - Members of the East Brunswick REC Department inquired about combining the Spotswood and East Brunswick flag football programs
 - Not interested in doing so at the moment, the program is running well as is
- Summer Drama Camp
 - The Spotswood High School Drama club wants to hold a camp like Coach Camm runs the football camp and Coach Vizzi runs the basketball camp
 - It will be a 6-week camp for kids in middle school to get them interested in the drama program
 - Will be run by the high school drama instructors and drama club members
 - Will put on a performance at the end of the camp
 - REC will provide the registration system and advertising, but won't get involved in running the camp in other ways
- Other Updates
 - Snowflakes and new Christmas lights for the tree were purchased at the end of the year
 - The February 14th meeting was moved to February 15th

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Curnal at 8:37 PM. Donna Faulkenberry seconded, and all were in favor.