

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, , 2011, at 7:00 P.M.**

**BOARD OF RECREATION  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., it having been duly noted that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of which was published in The Record on the 29th day of December, 2010, and sent to the Star-Ledger on the 29th day of December, 2010. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Hal Bomzer, Lloyd Domke, Tom Essig, Mercedes Haines and Mary Koegel were present. Rich DePena and Mike Ruiz were excused. Carlos Carames, Gil Bell, Leigh Rivera, and Frank Zaccherio were absent. Commissioner Poli was also present for the meeting.

A motion was made by Lloyd Domke and seconded by Hal Bomzer to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2011, meeting. All were in favor of this motion.

**Correspondence:** None received.

**Hearing of Citizens:** None present

Activity reports were as follows:

**Bowling** – Nothing to report. No one has seen any forms for the program.

**Wrestling** – Uly Encarnacion attended the meeting to discuss the upcoming season. Uly advised that registration will be held on November 8 and 15 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the auxiliary gym. Registration is open to K-8 in Ridgefield Park, Little Ferry and Bogota. The Board will copy and distribute the registration forms to the schools. Uly will make the copies for the actual registration night. Tom Essig and/or Mary Koegel will be present at the registration to assist Uly. Ridgefield no longer participates in the program and ended their high school program

Diane Maglione advised Uly to inspect the singlets and each year to replace those that are in poor condition so that a steady supply is always available. Uly said the singlets are fine for this year and he would only need to purchase more if there are more than 18 registered in the smaller size. He said last year there were about 62 wrestlers that started the season but some quit and do not complete the season.

The Board will send Uly the guidelines for running the program after they are updated. He also advised the Board that this is probably the last year that the referee fees will be this price. He tries to get cadets as officials when possible. The cost should be \$100 this year and will probably increase next year. Mary Koegel said she will arrange for the EMTs for the meets.

The Athletic Director has discussed the refreshments with the parents. Uly will have nothing to do with the refreshments and the parents will decide how to use the funds they raise. Uly will assist them in ordering if necessary. The program seems to be increasing each year.

Mary Koegel said that last year there were some parents complaining about lack of communication. Uly advised that there is an email system in place and parents that do not have email access are advised it is their responsibility to get the info from a buddy. There are times when meets are cancelled at the last minute and it is just impossible to reach all wrestlers by phone.

Mary also advised that some parents do not understand how the wrestlers are matched up and

told Uly that he needs to explain this to the parents so they realize no one is being favored. Uly explained that a computer system sets up most matches. Wrestlers get a minimum of one match and no more than three. If a wrestler is selected to participate in a match with someone more than ten pounds over the participant's weight, Uly discusses it with the parent to get permission for the match. It is never his intention to discourage a wrestler or set a wrestler up for failure. Wrestlers only participate in a higher weight class if the parent approves of the match. There are times when a special request is requested by the parent and Uly will honor this request as long as the wrestler will be safe. They always try to match the skill level of the wrestler.

Uly was advised to keep the Board up-to-date on the program and to copy the Board on all correspondence/emails.

**Girls' Softball** - No activity at this time.

**Women's Softball** – As far as the Board knows, the season is going fine. Diane has not received any complaints from the teams. Frank Zaccherio has not been in contact with the Board to give an update. The Board does not know if the end-of-year party took place yet.

There will be some changes necessary to registration next year as per the safety meeting attended by Diane Maglione on June 15.

**Fourth of July** – No activity at this time.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Commissioner Poli said he talked to the ambulance corps. about future participation and no one had any problems continuing the Egg Hunt. The Board will be looking into alternative ways to handle the egg hunt. One suggestion was to have candy-filled eggs. The Board will look into costs of candy-filled eggs. 3,600 eggs are needed for the egg hunt.

**Holiday Display Contest** – The contest will take place on December 23. Prizes will be ordered shortly. Mary Koegel will run this activity again. Funds have been encumbered under PO # 8830.

**Wish Tree** – Kaitlyn and Diane Maglione will handle this event. A notice will be sent in the schools to advise about the wish tree.

**Tree Lighting** – Mercedes Haines will be working with Santa on some changes in the program. She has the singers lined up and has the chairs and lights at her house. Tom Essig will get extension cords to use that night. 7-11 will participate as usual. Mercedes will call Alan O'Grady to get the risers and side rails set up for the night. There will be some new singers as well. Mercedes is having a problem contacting the boy and girl scouts and will try to reach out again to them. Flyers will be ready to go into the schools at the appropriate time. Santa and Mrs. Claus are ready. The sound system has been ordered. Truck 1 will be contacted as usual as well as the Patriot. Father Larry will be asked to participate. Commissioner Poli will speak to the ambulance corps. to see if they would like to provide two elves for the event. Everything seems to be in place. The high school chorus and band have already confirmed they will participate. Funds have been encumbered under PO #6521.

**Rag-A-Muffin** – The parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 with a raindate of Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. The goodie bags will be ready. Trophies have been ordered and will be delivered to Mike Ruiz. The trophy company was advised to make sure the plates are correct this year. A few trophies were added to the out-of-town division (Best Group, Best Float/Wagon, Judges' Choice). Flyers will go out in the schools closer to the parade date. Funds have been encumbered under PO #8831.

**Adult Trips/Activities** – No activities at this time.

**Adult Craft Classes** – No activity at this time.

**Basketball** – The Board will be checking with the former division leaders from last year to see if they plan on returning so plans can be in place for next season. The Board is possibly thinking of moving the clinic to later in the day on Saturdays since that is the only complaint from parents – the clinic is too early in the day.

Registration is scheduled for Friday, September 23 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Roosevelt School. Members are needed to help out at registration.

Commissioner Poli knows of someone that might be interested in helping out in the program next season. He was active in basketball in another town. Hugo Poli gave the contact information to Hal Bomzer.

The certification class will be held prior to the start of the season. The Board is looking into a possible date of November 28 or 29. There is a new section on concussions and the Board was advised that it could invite all previously certified coaches to attend the class again to learn the additions to the certification class. There would be no charge for these coaches as they do not need packets. Hal Bomzer said that he will advise the Board of basketball meeting dates once they are decided upon.

**Tennis** – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff. For more information call Barry Ruback at 201-568-3946 or go to [www.allprotennis.net](http://www.allprotennis.net) or email: [barrys10s@gmail.com](mailto:barrys10s@gmail.com).

**Treasurer's Report** - Beginning balance as of June 2011, was \$30,157.15, total deposits for month were \$1,025.00, total expenses for month were \$385.00, leaving a balance of \$30,797.15 A detailed report is attached.

Beginning balance as of July 2011, was \$30,797.15, total deposits for month were \$0, total expenses for month were \$800.00, leaving a balance of \$29,997.15. A detailed report is attached.

Beginning balance as of August 2011, was \$30,157.15, total deposits for month were \$2,975.00, total expenses for month were \$2,350.00, leaving a balance of \$30,622.15 A motion was made by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Lloyd Domke, accepting the report. A detailed report is attached.

**New Business** – There were not enough members to hold elections tonight, so elections will take place at the October reorganization meeting. By-laws were updated and will be sent to members for review. Some updates needed to be done to the by-laws, such as change of meeting time to 7:00 p.m.; elections will be held in June and if there are not enough members present at the June meeting, they will be held in September; Commissioner of Public Affairs will be changed to just Commissioner. At the October reorganization meeting, the Board will also discuss specific duties of each member. Next month, attendance at the meeting will be mandatory as elections need to be held and by-laws need to be approved.

**Old Business** – Commissioner Poli advised there were no funds left for the Board to participate in the Megan Kanka offer to check out volunteer coaches.

Another safety meeting was held but Diane Maglione did not attend as she was notified of the meeting after it took place.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2011.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mercedes Haines and seconded by Lloyd Domke to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara DeLuca

cc: Commissioner Hugo Poli