

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF RECREATION
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY
February 16, 2017**

President Diane Maglione called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 and sent to the Star Ledger as well as posted on the Village bulletin board. Roll call was taken. Commission members present were: Diane Maglione, Lloyd Domke, Gil Bell, Hal Bomzer, Rodney Craft, Mercedes Haines, Kaitlyn Maglione, Mike Ruiz. Excused: Jimmy Coloma, Scott Garriss and David Urbay. Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle were also present.

The minutes of the January 19, 2017, meeting was approved by a motion made by Gil Bell and seconded by Hal Bomzer. All were in favor of this motion.

Correspondence: 1) copy of email from Daniel Reeves to wrestling parents advising of activities to be held the week of February 7; 2) email from Jill Perez regarding cheering; 3) email from Challenge U regarding softball training; 4) email from Commissioner MacNeill requesting a round table meeting with Kathy Tabasco and the Board of Recreation's cheering coaches 5) copy of fundraising flyer to be held for RPJFA "Recreation" Competition Cheer Team (which parents are finding confusing since Recreation is not allowed to fundraise).

Hearing of Citizens: TJ Patrisso was present to discuss a matter regarding the basketball program that will be held in a closed session. At this point, the Board went into a closed session to discuss personnel matters with Mr. Patrisso.

Bowling – Nothing to report.

Wrestling – Dan Reeves copied the Board on an email regarding the program including a dual match with Teaneck. The Board has some concerns about Teaneck being allowed in RP's programs without first consulting with the Board. It seems that there are many more Teaneck wrestlers than RP wrestlers involved in this meet and RP is paying all the expenses. There is also a concern regarding liability of the Teaneck wrestlers.

This season registration fees received for this program total \$2,025.00 and expenses so far are \$5,036.88. Tournament entry fees will also be added to the list of expenses. Dan just advised the Treasurer that RP never paid the annual league membership fee of \$700.00. The Board has never received an invoice for this fee. He also wanted to know how much money was left for trophies and an end of year party. There are no funds available for any end-of-year activities. If parents want a party, they will have to cover the costs. Lloyd Domke will communicate to the parents that the budget was blown and they will have to pay for any end-of-year activities themselves if they want them. There has been one returned check. A letter was sent requesting a new check.

The shirts and warm-ups ordered by Dan cost \$4,979.88. The Board did not expect this much of an expense. They also have still not come in. Since the season is just about over, the Board will not distribute these warm-ups until next season. Diane Maglione will again try to contact the company to find out the status of these warm-ups. She had asked if the order could be cancelled but they said it was too late; however, the Board has not received them and the season will end very soon.

The registration fee will need to be raised next year as \$40.00 is not covering expenses at all. The Board is already at least \$55.00 in the red with this registration fee. The new fee will be decided during the off season.

Diane Maglione said she went down to the wrestling meet and there are still some glitches. There does not appear to be any control of the people that are there. There were siblings, friends, etc. No control on

mats. Girls were doing flips on the mats. The mats literally stink. They don't watch the kids. They don't make them clean up when the night is done.

Teaneck is there. Are they even registered? Dan never even asked if Teaneck could compete with RP. If RP needs wrestlers for meets, he apparently asks Teaneck to send wrestlers. Sometimes there are more Teaneck wrestlers than RP. If so, they should charge Teaneck for refs.

Clothes were ordered, check was cashed but the Board has not seen the clothes. The Board will not distribute them this year because the season is just about over.

Girls' Softball – Lloyd Domke said he was asked by a parent if there would be a Recreation team this year. He has not heard back from Mook Iannacone yet. He hopes to be able to run the school team similar to the way basketball is running the teams for the Board of Education. Lloyd will not be able to coach a team. Forms will be sent out in the schools to see if there are enough girls interested in forming a team this year. Lloyd will check to see if the league they used to play in is still active.

Women's Softball – Packets went out to all teams. They are due to be returned by March 31. Teams may have a sponsor as long as the check is in before the season starts. Teams will not be permitted to participate until they have submitted a complete packet, including the registration fee. The team that submitted a sponsor check that bounced has turned in a new check.

Fourth of July – Nominations are being accepted for grand marshal.

Easter Egg Hunt – The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 15. An email will be sent to the schools to see if the Honor Society is interesting in helping to fill the eggs this year. Diane Maglione will order 1,000 extra eggs this year for the kids on the field.

Holiday Display Contest – No activity at this time.

Wish Tree – No activity at this time.

Tree Lighting – No activity at this time.

Rag-A-Muffin – No activity at this time.

Adult Trips/Activities – No activity at this time.

Ping Pong – This program is on hold due to the Civic Center being currently unavailable. Commissioner MacNeill said the mold has been taken care of in the fireplace room and he would like to make it the Board of Recreation's office in the future. He advised that he would like to meet with Diane Maglione in the near future to discuss the Civic Center.

Basketball – Hal Bomzer advised that so far the season has gone pretty well with only a few problems that have been handled. Vouchers for the first-half expenses have been submitted. Scorers/timers checks will go out shortly.

The 3/4 boys division had a bit of a problem with the parents and coaches. Hal spoke to the parents and coaches and advised that if it did not straighten out there would be no playoffs in this division. Everything went smoothly this past weekend.

It is time to call games stronger. There have been some inexperienced refs that coaches were taking advantage of. Coaches have also been trying to take advantage of the younger referees. Hal has instructed all divisions that a speech be given before every game stressing good sportsmanship.

The 7/8 schools teams went great. The coaches, Larry Umana for the girls and Brian Cooney for the boys were great. It was a lot of work but it went very well and the Board was happy to be able to provide a school team at this level.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Rodney Craft to give a gift of \$200 each to Larry Umana, Brian Cooney and Jimmy Coloma, to thank them for the time they devoted to this program. All were in favor of this motion.

Hal said that the concession stand at Lincoln School was a great distraction throughout the season. It was not monitored by the parents selling the food. Kids were walking onto the court during a game. No one seemed to be supervising the kids at the stand. Hal had a sandwich sign made that says: Do not enter gym while ball is in play. Hal is hoping this will help with the unsupervised kids.

The program seemed to use a lot more ice packs this year, possibly due to the addition of the school teams. Hal needs to replenish the supplies.

Tennis – Barry Ruback (568-3946) runs this program, which is taught by All Pro Tennis Staff.

T2S Basketball – Larry Umana will be starting up his next session shortly.

Summer Fitness Camp – No activity at this time.

Competition Cheer Team – Diane Maglione emailed Commissioner MacNeill about Kathy Tabasco advertising fundraisers for her “Recreation” Competition Cheer Team. The Board has received inquiries and copies of fundraising flyers using the term “Recreation” Competition Cheer Team from people asking how the Board is allowing fundraising. Many people are confused by a private organization calling itself **Recreation** Competition Cheer team when there is a Board of Recreation Competition Cheer Team. The Board asked Commissioner MacNeill for guidance in rectifying this situation to prevent any further confusion.

Commissioner MacNeill requested that the Board of Recreation set up a roundtable discussion with Kathy Tabasco, the Board of Recreation coaches and the Executive Board for Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building.

Next year, Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle would like to do registration a little earlier. They would like to hold their registration and see what type of girls they get and then decide if they should have a competition team and an exhibition team.

Diane advised Fausta Vargas and Kellie Nagle that the Board received an email from Jill Perez, a coach for the RPJFA Recreation Competition Cheer Team complaining of what she felt was poor sportsmanship from some parents and coaches. The Board suggested to the coaches that they always take the high road and to advise their parents to please do the same.

Acting and Improvisation – Rachel Maddock is running classes for children and teens in Grades K-12. Students are introduced to the basic elements of acting through theatre games and improvisation. Older students will also study advanced acting techniques such as sensory work, monologue work, and basic scene study. Classes will be run in 8-10 weeks sessions (depending on age) and cost from \$160 - \$250 per session. Rachel will shortly be starting the next session.

Treasurer's Report - Beginning balance as of January was \$25,094.90, total deposits were \$1,992.00 total expenses were \$1,917.00, leaving a balance of \$25,169.90. A detailed report is in the file. A letter was sent requesting reimbursement of a wrestling check that was returned. A motion was made by Mike Ruiz and seconded by Mercedes Haines to approve the Treasurer's report. All were in favor of this motion.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2017.

A motion was made by Hal Bomzer and seconded by Mike Ruiz to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. At the conclusion of the regular portion of the meeting, the Board returned to a closed session to further discuss and vote on a matter discussed earlier in a closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Commissioner Adam MacNeill

Barbara DeLuca