**Harris County Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 31, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Rob Grant, Heather Hajek, Cyndee Redmond, Mark Parsley, Purvis Chapman

**Others Present:** Becky Langston – Commissioner, John Magazu – Recreation Director,

**Board Members Absent:** Ashley Marston – Assistant Recreation Director, Jairo Gay – notice not provided, Charles Ragsdale, Michael Grant – notice provided

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Harris County Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 31, 2016 at the Harris County Community Center by Board Chair, Rob Grant.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed by the board members. Mark Parsley made a motion to approve the agenda, Purvis Chapman seconded and it passed unanimously.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The July 27, 2016 minutes were reviewed by the board members. Heather Hajek made a motion to approve the minutes, Mark Parsley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

1. **GUESTS / SPEAKERS**

None.

1. **CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

Rob gave an update on the upcoming volleyball tournament which has grown to 20 teams so they are having to expand to the middle school in addition to the high school and the Rec Center.

1. **TREASURER REPORT**

The August Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Cyndee Redmond made a motion to approve the report, Heather Hajek seconded and the report was approved unanimously.

1. **RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Basketball is in planning sessions for the winter season and they will start registration and games a little earlier in December.

Little league Fall Ball starts on September 12 with 150 children playing. Sr Boys will be recognized by the Commissioners next week for their State Championship and will be honored with a resolution.

Soccer season starts on September 12 and they may need to use Moultrie to practice due to the number of teams.

T&F has a new coach on the track team and are looking for board members to begin planning for the spring season.

Swim team still meeting for conditioning

Football begins on September 19 with 344 players and 152 cheerleaders registered. A 19% growth from last year.

Community Center is taking bids on roof repairs. The heat exchange units on the roof will need repair.

Wrestling no update.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
	1. Heather Hajek began discussion on community boundaries: when was the last time we reviewed them and why are we not using the same boundaries as the school zones. There are children who want to play with the kids that they go to school with so MH has released these players recently for a hardship reason.

John Magazu explained that the boundaries were redone around 2008. That no releases should granted without a hardship situation. Heather explained that there needs to be consistency between the communities.

Heather and Mark recommend that the hardship releases be able to be referred to the Rec Board to make the determination. John explained that the community board needs to make a decision to determine if it’s a hardship release and let the parent appeal to the Rec Board if needed.

* 1. Financial hardships – has the Rec Board decided how the community boards handle hardships. Various ideas other than fundraising were to get uniforms donated from prior years or find sponsors for the kids.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. Rec Fest – Hamilton, Cataula, and MH set up a table. Football, Basketball, Soccer were represented. The parents were visiting the Rec Center, swimming and eating, but not visiting the table. One of the two vendors came and the FDR Park reps attended. John estimates about 9 new memberships as a result.
3. Tabled the president meeting discussion. John will send an email out to the board presidents.
4. The Rec Board has asked our County Liaison to submit a name to the Commissioners to fill our vacant At-Large position.
5. **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 PM @ HC Community Center.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Rob Grant adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.