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**Harris County Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 25, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Rob Grant, Thomas Vowell, Steve Felt, Sondra Moss, Brad Johnson, Lee Starling, Garnett Ray

**Others Present:** Stephen Waskey– Recreation Director, Ashley Marston – Assistant Recreation Director

**Board Members Absent:** Becky Langston (BOC Rep) – *campaign work;* Jairo Gay – *work related conference,* Jeff Allen – *sent em that he could not make the meeting*

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Harris County Recreation Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 25, 2018 at the Harris County Community Center by Chair, R. Grant.

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

T. Vowell moved to approve the agenda, S. Moss seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 11, 2018 minutes: S. Felt moved to approve, T. Vowell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

R. Grant reported on success of HCY Track & Field Meet held at HCHS on April 12th

1. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. S. Felt moved to approve, T. Vowell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **RECREATION DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

**Soccer:** Championship Games being held May 12th; Columbus Lions Fundraiser also on May 12th with 50% of proceeds benefiting HCYS

**Track & Field:** B. Johnson updated Board – HCYT&F hosted a meet on Sat., April 12th at HCHS; 270 participated; the running long jump presented the biggest challenge with 100 kids and only 1 pit, need for 2 pits esp if we host a State meet.; B. Johnson brought up the question of possible storage for T&F – need a place to store equipment, etc.; GRPA District Meet is scheduled for this coming weekend April 28th in Carrolton, State Meet will be held the following weekend (May 5th) in Commerce, GA; B. Johnson & S. Felt are looking into creating an adult component to HCYT&F with possibility of running 5K, 10K, etc. for adults

**Football:** Flag Football about to start up

**CC:** Have been interviewing for the last week and a half for Full-Time Park Tech, Part-Time Front Desk (2 positions) and 2 lifeguards

**HCLL:** wraps up May 12th, then Magazu Tournament to follow approximately starting May 12-14

**Ellerslie Park:** Timeline (5-year plan) and concept plan approved by BOC; DOT requiring a decel lane; hope to have park open by late 2018/early 2019; tore down 9 beaver dams; adding back in a Police Substation on North end of park; walking trail going around park (8-10 ft wide)

**Archery:** talked with Archery group about becoming a recognized sport under HC Recreation Dept.; practice on land to the side of the community center; mostly dealing with youth; looking to also include adults

1. **OLD BUSINESS**
   1. **John Magazu Scholarship Fund:** Chair, R. Grant formed a committee to handle the formation/business of of the JMSF:

Chair – S. Felt

Members: *(R. Grant recommended J. Gay and J. Allen to serve as committee members)*

R. Grant announced HCHS Volleyball plans to donate $ to the JMSF

* 1. **Naming of Pate Park Entrance (in honor of John Magazu):** sign has been placed at the entrance to Pate Park “John Magazu Circle”

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Other:
      1. Relay for Life – being held Friday night, 4/27 at Mike Tracy arena
      2. HCHS Volleyball Pancake Fundraiser – Sat. 4/28 at 8:00 at Chili’s
      3. Outdoor Facility Rental Rates:
         1. Interest in travel ball tournaments and practices
         2. Concessions – HCLL to run as a fundraiser; if not, then Rec Dept would charge $50/day to outside vendor to run concessions
         3. HCLL has use of our fields – we don’t charge them for use of fields currently
         4. Want to look at updating to match what is being charged locally
            1. Troup Co. - $130/field; $200/dep
            2. Columbus - $100/field; no info on lights $10 to $15/hour for Rec Dept staff
            3. Valley - $130/field includes lights
            4. Carrollton - $520/day for four (4) fields
            5. HC - $130/field per day
         5. Discussion by Board:
            1. Use of Rec Fields by Travel Ball teams/tournaments: Current fee schedule shows that HC charges $160-$180/day for use of fields; Jerry Alexander paid $130 for use of one field all day on 4/14/18 for softball travel ball tournament
            2. Concerns: How to enforce? Teams using fields without permission or paying for use of fields
            3. Possible Suggestions: If a team has 90% of kids in HCLL program, then there would be no charge to team to use Rec Facilities; Middle School baseball and softball teams would use Rec Fields at no charge
            4. Recommendation by HC Rec Board: Use of Fields/Concessions for tournaments:

Concessions to be run by HCLL and communities or sports boards, or County Rec Dept.

$130/field/day

If a team has 90% HCLL players on a team, that team does not pay

* 1. Introduction of BOE Representative – Garnett Ray – Chair, R. Grant introduced the Board’s newest member, Garnett Ray, Board of Education representative taking over Morgan Marlowe’s term

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

T. Vowell moved to adjourn the meeting; L. Starling seconded; unanimously approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

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R. Grant, Chair

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1. Marston, Assistant Director

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