

Lakewood Community Recreation & Education  
Youth Athletic Commission

Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 8, 2019  
6:30 PM – HOME Conference Room – Board Office

**Attendance**

**Commission**

Virgil Wahome, President (present)  
Cheryl Mabry, Vice President (present)  
Megan Sambrook, Secretary (present)  
Andy Comer (present)  
Steve Nelson (present)  
Jason Shachner (present)  
Paul Porter (absent)

**Staff**

Rick Wallenhorst (present)

- I. Call to Order Roll Call 6:33pm
- II. Approval of January and March Meeting Minutes
  - a. January minutes postponed until May 13th meeting
  - b. March minutes approved by unanimous consent
- III. Approval of Absences
  - a. Sambrook/Nelson (5-0)
- IV. New Business
  - PTA meetings
    - Mr. Wahome spoke with the Hayes PTA president and he is supportive of getting students involved with the Rec programs. Also, Mr. Wahome will visit Harrison at their next meeting. He will continue to reach out to Horace Mann. Mr. Comer is planning to attend Lincoln's last meeting and Ms. Sambrook is on the agenda in May for Emerson. Mr. Porter can fill us in on Grant at our April meeting.
  - Program Growth/Evaluation
    - a. Mr. Wallenhorst provided registration numbers from March and April. The enrollment has significantly increased since our last meeting, as Mr. Wallenhorst expected. He noted that late registration is a trend in all sports, leading the commission to brainstorm ways to mitigate the issue.
      1. Ms. Sambrook suggested posting signs around the city to act as a visual reminder. Mr. Nelson and Ms. Mabry supported the idea. Mr. Wallenhorst would need to look into a vendor to make the signs and figure out where to post them.
      2. Mr. Wahome and Ms. Mabry suggested possibly increasing the late fee. Mr. Wallenhorst thought that would deter people from registering at all.

3. Mr. Shachner suggested having flyers created that are available during the schools' Open House and Parent Teacher Conferences.
  4. The commissioners discussed returning to a printed flyer for elementary students to take home due to the fact that the email blasts may be getting overlooked. Mr. Wallenhorst will return to using the printed flyer even though it is labor intensive and doesn't reach students in grades 6-12.
- b. Mr. Nelson asked if there are going to be enough players in Excel baseball for three teams. Mr. Wallenhorst hopes so as players are still registering. Mr. Nelson suggested that if there are only 2 teams to try to ensure that they are balanced, which Mr. Wallenhorst noted is challenging because players can request a specific coach. Mr. Nelson asked if they could combine 12U and Excel. Mr. Wallenhorst explained that would mean an 11 year old playing against a 15 year old, which might not be the best experience for the players.
- Communications/PR

#### V. Old Business

- YAC Goals for 2019
  - Attend three events as a commissioner
    - o Mr. Wahome is planning on attending Meet the Trucks and the Summer Solstice
    - o Ms. Mabry is planning on attending Meet the Trucks as well.
    - o Mr. Wahome shared that the summer reading program that takes place at Madison Park doesn't have a date yet.

#### VI. Other Business

- a. From the All Commission Retreat, Ms. Mabry shared that Ms. Favre Krogman would like to know about the positive and negative comments we hear as we go out and attend events.

#### VII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:18pm by unanimous consent