

Lakewood Community Recreation & Education
Youth Athletic Commission

Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 09, 2018
6:30 PM – Board of Education

Attendance
Commission

Staff

Rob Showalter, President (Present)
Cheryl Mabry Vice President (present)
Jason Shachner, Secretary (present)
Virgil Wahome (present)
Andy Comer (present)
Megan Sambrook (present)

Leslie Favre Krogman (absent)
Rick Wallenhorst (present)

- I. Call to Order Roll Call 6:30
- II. Approval of August Meeting Minutes
 - a. Comer/Mabry (5-0) one abstention
- III. New Business

Mr. Wallenhorst went over the registration numbers. There was an apparent uptick in registrations in March. Mr. Wallenhorst stated Lakewood Recreation is still taking registrations in some leagues. Because of low registration numbers in some age groups Lakewood Recreation may combine the 10U and the 12U baseball leagues. Mr. Showalter commented that we saw a 50% decrease in 12U SP from last year. Mr. Wallenhorst is not sure about the reason for the drop off. Mr. Showalter asked if we are losing minor and majors to LCBA. Mr. Wallenhorst believes that any loss would be negligible.

Mr. Wallenhorst has been bombarding the schools with email blasts regarding softball and baseball registrations. Mr. Comer mentioned that there is a big discrepancy between numbers in age groups at the different schools. For instance, there are only 7 boys in the third grade class at one elementary school.

Mr. Wallenhorst stated that more people may be signing up because spring break was the prior week. Mr. Showalter asked if it is worth having excel with only 38 players. Mr. Wallenhorst said there is still time for registrations.

Ms. Mabry asked about the slow pitch. Mr. Wallenhorst said they might have to merge the 10 and 12 yr olds slow pitch. Mr. Wahome asked if there were any

concerns in doing that. Mr. Wallenhorst said that with slow pitch age differences are not that much of a concern.

Ms. Mabry asked if it would make sense to reach out and ask why people may not be signing up. Ms. Mabry is concerned with the drop in numbers. Ms. Mabry would like to revisit the issue once we see what the final numbers are.

Mr. Showalter asked about sponsorships. Mr. Wallenhorst said he does not know and that that is Ms. Krogman's department.

Mr. Wallenhorst has been doing a lot of email blasts. Mr. Wahome asked if the PE teachers can make announcements. Mr. Wallenhorst said that the majority of registrations are friend based.

Mr. Shachner asked if there is any data about open rate for the e-mail blasts. Mr. Wallenhorst did not know if that is possible with the software they are using.

Mr. Wahome also brought up maybe talking to the PTOs/PTAs to see if they can assist with getting the word out.

IV. Old Business

Updates on goals. Rick went over some events that YAC member can attend.

V. Other business

Cheryl Mabry and Jason Shachner let the commission know that they will be unable to attend the May meeting.

Mr. Showalter received an email. Asked if there could be a waiver for playing up and not having to move up a league every two years. The commission is reticent about waiving the rule.

VI. Meeting Adjourned at 7:11 pm

a. Comer/Virgil 6-0