

Lakewood Community Recreation & Education
Youth Athletic Commission

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 09, 2017
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)
Cheryl Mabry (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. Mabry/Megan (6-0)
- III. New Business
 - a. Megan was introduced and welcomed to the commission. Mr. Wallenhorst presented the final registration numbers. The registration numbers have increased. Winter registrations are coming in slowly because people typically wait until the end of the previous season. There was an email blast that went out today and there will be an ad for the next Lakewood Observer. At the end of the month, Mr. Wallenhorst will be emailing all the people who played last year. Schools prefer the email blasts. If registrations are not satisfactory he will then send a backpack flyer. Ms. Mabry asked if there was any concern about any sport's registration. Mr. Wallenhorst said nothing of concern. Mr. Wallenhorst also provided some updates about travel basketball. The deadline for registrations is going to be December 1st. The YAC will then make some determinations of how to deal with people who register late. Usually there is an issue with people not realizing there is a need for a physical despite it being on every form. Ms. Sambrook asked if they are good for a year. Mr. Wallenhorst said the physical is good for a calendar year.

The YAC then moved to discussion over edits to the baseball rules. Mr. Showalter would like to change back to tournament play instead of the random draw. Ms. Mabry asked Mr. Showalter what the two schools of thoughts are. Mr. Showalter stated that one side believes that teams that do not do well should at least have the chance to win at least one tournament game. The other school of thought is that if there is no seeding then the regular

season is pointless and good teams can get eliminate earlier. Mr. Shachner stated that another concern with seeding is that it can encourage bad coaching behavior, but that can be cured with proper enforcement and training. Mr. Wahome suggest that the top teams can be given a bye so the lowest teams can have a chance at a winnable game. The YAC all approved of the idea.

Ms. Sambrook asked how teams are formed and Mr. Wallenhorst explained the team formation policy.

IV. Old Business

All Old Business is being addressed by CREC.

V. Other Business

Ms. Mabry had a question about whether the Catholic Schools get involved in our programs. Students from the catholic schools can participate. Ms. Mabry wants to know how we inform those students about the programs. Mr. Wallenhorst stated that they do get the book are aware of our programs.

Mr. Showalter expressed that he wants the YAC members to be more active and contribute more in the community. Mr. Showalter's remarks were as follows:

I joined this commission to give back to my community, specifically in an area that I am passionate about, which is youth sports and the positive impact that they have on children. I would like to make a bigger impact in the community. One hour a month of reviewing sport enrollment doesn't feel like enough.

Once we get the shirts I would like to attend more events and games related to the Recreation Department and I would like to ask you to do the same.

Also, I've kicked around the idea of making a small gift to the Recreation Department once per year on behalf of YAC. Around \$40 to \$50 per member for something like new baseballs or a piece of equipment desired by department under \$300.

In addition, we can all volunteer at an event chosen by Leslie or Rick, whether it is handing out water at a 5k, run a registration table, give the trophies out at a Recreation championship game, work a concession stand etc. We can leave it up to Leslie and Rick to choose a couple areas where we can give back more, and I would like some of those opportunities given to the YAC at the next meeting.

While reviewing policies and making suggestions is good, I feel like the group in

this room has so much more potential to make a positive impact on the Rec and the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm