

CATONSVILLE RECREATION & PARKS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES Date: February 27, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Natalie Powell, Kelly Benefiel, Joe Koehler, Katie Harris, Michelle Washington, Steve McCleary, Chip Hiebler, Tim Gelles, Donald Gorsuch, Angie Voll, Rick Wiker, Keith Arnold, Sandy Sanders, Everett Winchester, Barry Lloyd, Peggy Lea Gosnell, Len Van de Graft, Jessica Monaghan, Michelle White

Next meeting will be March 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Did everybody see the minutes? Questions, comments, changes? Motion to approve. Seconded. Minutes approved.

February 2017 minutes – we need to start talking scholarship committee and prom committee. Do we have anyone running those committees?

Prom Committee: Rick Wiker. Natalie will get contacts for Western HS and Catonsville HS to share with Rick.

Scholarship: Rich English ran last year. Board will help as necessary. Needs guidance counselor info for Western, MDSA, MSJ, and CHS. Keith Arnold will head.

House Bill 522- Youth Sports Program Bill for Concussion Risk Management Training:

Still floating around with amendments. Natalie had a conference call with Delegate Teri Hill and some others to discuss bill. Some good progress, but not a lot of changes from original bill and the time it was blue backed. Two issues: States the training must be substantially equivalent to that of the local school board. Natalie is concerned that training between counties is not consistent. Attempting to get it so training is consistent throughout the state

Other issue that Natalie is concerned about is the bill says the person who is trained is the final decision maker on the field. The concern is that volunteers who have attended a training and probably are not medical professionals would be the ones responsible for making decisions on the field. There is a concern over liability and that may decrease interest in volunteering within programs. Bill is available online for review - HB552. If you have any questions or concerns, there are future meetings to discuss. If the bill is enacted, it will take effect October 31, 2018. You can send Natalie questions/concerns and she can share. The previous meeting was a conference call with multiple participants, but a face to face meeting will occur Annapolis in the next couple of weeks.

Q: Did we find out if adult programs are included?

A: No it is just youth (up to and including age 18)

There is another bill HB1210, which is the Education Public School and Youth Sports Program Bill – 90% to the verbiage identical to HB552. The 10% that is not lists certain types of sports and it calls them physical sports - tackle football, soccer (in which heading is allowed), ice hockey (in which checking is allowed), field hockey (in which checking is allowed), lacrosse (in which checking is allowed), tackle rugby, and any other sport where which physical activity could result in high risk of injury. The language is so open ended, it could include cheerleading, tumbling, basketball, or ultimate Frisbee. Further on, the bill says elementary and middle school aged children in the youth sport program may not participate in physical sports.

You can play football, but you can't tackle; lacrosse, but no checking; etc. There is a descriptor attached to each sport so if you take that part out, playing would be allowed.

That ways and means meeting is this Friday, March 2, 2018 at 1:00 pm in Annapolis. Natalie is attending so if you have something you would like to share please give it to Natalie within the next 48 hours so she can share all the concerns. It is online as well if you want to read it. One thing that is encouraging is State Senator Will Smith's assistant called Natalie for testimony on HB552 and when Natalie asked the assistant if she could also share her testimony on HB1210, the assistant said it was not supported. The Senate is not supporting this bill; the House of Delegates is.

Q: What is the website?

A: Natalie was unsure at the meeting but you can google house bills.

Here is the website:

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmLegislation.aspx?pid=legisnpage>

GroupNet:

Natalie emailed GroupNet December 19, 2017 with a request to go live by February 1, 2018 (significantly earlier than the 2-week commitment required to build a registration). January 12, 2018, Natalie emailed again with all the components and parameters. Natalie received a call today (after calling last week that they would leave the platform) that they cannot support the parameters (variability of rates). All programs in the 18-19 platform are going to have to move to a new platform because GroupNet will not be able to support. Contract is not up until June 2018. GroupNet did offer a new contract with their next platform they are offering – Blue Star Connect, which would be a three-year contract. Natalie was advised if she signed that contract, they could have registration up and running by Friday. Natalie declined. Natalie will forward

information regarding Blue Star Connect. Sounds too good to be true – since soccer is affiliated with a State organization, MSYSA, all fees outside of registration fees (credit card transaction fees) will be waived for Catonsville Recreation and Parks. Natalie does not want to sign a contract on behalf of every organization, but individual programs could sign their own contracts.

Q: If programs do sign a contract, how would Joe get the transaction records.

A: CRPC would have administrative access. Other programs are using TeamSnap and Blue Sombrero and CRPC has administrative access. Joe stated that information also comes in through the bank detail.

One thing that Blue Star Connect is offering to pay league fees through the registration portal.

Q: Wanted to merge registration with a program that creates a website for player profiles to help connect players with colleges.

A: As long as it can direct deposit to council account and CRPC gets access. Is it Blue Star Connect?

Q: Is this a free service?

A: Website is free, but they do take transaction fees. Will email information to Natalie.

Q: To clarify – is GroupNet going away in June?

A: Yes, but individual programs can continue if they renew by signing on with Blue Star Connect. Natalie will look into it, but she doesn't want to commit all the programs to that registration platform.

Q: Concern over the pain of having to rebuild what was built.

A: You would lose contact information. They are a member service so they cannot migrate all of the contact information. You would build your own registration.

Q: Why is it ending in June?

A: That is our contract date, you can continue as long as you are on the 17-18 platform/url.

Per Baltimore County Recreation and Park at Large Board Member - It is not County policy, it is CRPC policy and is considered best policy.

Q: As we set up new registrations, how does the bank account know what program that is connected to?

A: Right now Joe is relying on dollar amounts because he doesn't have access. There is a transaction code as well.

Q: Do other registration platforms have merchandise options?

A: Natalie was unsure, but she can look into it.

Joe stated you are welcome to use any platform as long as it can direct deposit into the bank account. For the treasurer, it would be easier if every program had its own website so it would be easier to see which amount goes to each program.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kelly is looking into getting a PayPal account for CRPC to help with donations because we were working under the theory that there was no cash allowed. In

the meantime, does anyone have any thoughts regarding PayPal? This would be helpful for capital improvements, Lurman Woods, or drop in payments.

New Budget form on the website.

WEBSITE

Website is live. www.catonsvillerecandparks.com. Previous website is redirecting to the new website. If you have not sent Katie your information, your current page has the template for Catonsville Youth Baseball. Minutes were posted.

CRPC is trying to help improve lines of communications, if you have issues within your program and cannot get a hold of Kenny and Herb, please contact your program leader first. If you need additional support, please contact CRPC and we will work with the county. No one should be emailing Michelle directly. We will be working with Michelle regarding a timeline for responses.

Q: Is there a link for background checks?

A: Katie will add that, but it is also on the Baltimore County website.

If you see anything that is wrong or missing, please contact Katie. Please allow 23-48 hours for a response/update.

Just a reminder you will not get a reminder if your background check is expiring. It is 12 months from the last time you have done it.

You should do it for each program that you participate with.

It is your responsibility to make sure you have passed. It takes a few days to process and be posted on the county website.

Also, we are asking that someone from each program, represent the program once a quarter at a board meeting.

Reminder, thunder/lightening stops everything. Once it thunders/lightening, everyone has to go indoors.

Trash – Clean up the fields before you leave. Players/Participants should be picking up all trash and materials so they are leaving a clean area for the next event.

TREASURER'S REPORT

After check requests, the most frequent question regards the sales/youth tax exemption. They expired last September, but Joe renewed them. The new cards were mailed to Bloomsbury because that is the address they had on file. Joe updated the information and new cards were issued. In the meantime, if you need something, Joe can confirm certification online. The exemption will be good for the next 5 years.

Q: Has the account number changed?

A: No.

Leadership fees:

Joe booked leadership fees from September 21, through December 20 in January. Closed out all inactive programs this month. Sent out January reports in mid-February.

Unidentified checks:

One check from October from David Sense? But unsure which program should receive the money, but it is from October so it may not be valid.

\$400 donation from Network for Good

\$500 donation from DST System

\$46 donation from Pioneer

Joe will send out an email. Seems to be employee match if the companies sound familiar. The donations will go into the general council account if they are not claimed.

A: Michelle stated it depends on if you have separate leader. Just contact her if you have questions.

Q: Is reimbursement for \$600 different than the income?

A: Yes. The 1099s are typically for the small business that supply the programs with trophies, uniforms, or instructors.

There is \$2784 in unidentified deposits. If anyone thinks they are missing money, please let Joe know.

SECRETARY REPORT

N/A

COMMITTEE REPORT

See information about Prom and Scholarship Committees.

COMMUNITY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Q: Regarding House Bill 522: Are the county leaders trained or would they be required to be?

A: Michelle stated no, they are not trained for first aid/CPR. Most of them do not have any certification. As far as she knows, they are not required to be trained.

Q: Are staff certified for leadership fee purposes?

A: It is not mandatory. The only staff that is required to have CPR/First Aid is the summer camp staff because they work directly with children. Otherwise, general staff do not have contact with children. It is offered, but it is required. They are trained to use the AED.

Spring Grove:

Grass Field - opening March 1, 2018

Spot-a-pots will be delivered soon.

Q: Could they be locked when programs are using the field? Some individuals are walking down to use the spot-a-pot.

A: Michelle will look into the possibility.

Floor at old CES is being worked on. Plans were approved, but badminton lines were not added. Principal did not want the badminton lines permanent. Asked if badminton could put tape down for the time they play. Michelle shared that badminton is year round so the tape would not be a good option. Michelle can discuss with her supervisor to then ask the principal to reconsider.

CES was also notified about the parking situation. The principal has discussed the issue with the temple and ask them not to park in the circle. However, there is not anyone there to monitor. Michelle stated she has asked Kenny and Herb to sometimes go early to see if they can catch someone. The original agreement between the temple and CES allowed the parking.

Q: How was the temple approved without sufficient parking?

A: The principal approved the agreement. Michelle thinks that a sign has to be placed there stating parking for the school only, but she does not think this will happen.

Turf will be opening in March.

Turf Rules:

The only thing that should be on the turf is water.

No Gatorade, food, gum, or pets.

Coaches and players only – no parents.

County staff will be enforcing this.

Q: What is the rule for Westowne and CES field house regarding bringing in a folding chair as a spectator? The county leader at the field house was not allowing the chairs.

A: There is no rule regarding bringing a chair however, there are chairs in the office, so you can ask the leader to get additional chairs.

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

Q: Update on CCBC negotiations?

A: They have given us everything we are going to get. We will revisit each season, but as of right now, we will not get additional

Scholarship Committee:

The scholarship will be given to a graduating senior who will be attending in the fall. Last year, the best essay was actually from someone who was attending UMD in the spring. This person was disqualified because of the rules. Unless someone objects, could the rules be changed to accommodate this circumstance to include a graduating senior who will be attending a college in the next academic year? Motion, seconded, approved.

Basketball:

Chip Hiebler: from Baltimore County Rec and Park Board. Had contacted Natalie earlier regarding the boy's basketball program with some ideas that could be entertained to improve the organization of the boy's basketball program. He has invited Sandy Sanders, who has a background in supervising and managing basketball programs in Howard County.

Sandy Sanders: Refereeing for 37 years. (20 years in Catonsville) This year seems to have some communication issues. It is a lot of work for one person. This year, schedules were sent out late (Friday at 11:00 pm) so it is difficult to schedule referees and difficult as a parent. This year, uniforms were not distributed until January so December games were played in regular t-shirts. Sandy would like to offer help to move this program forward. Other parents are interested in helping as well. When Duncan McTavish ran the program, a color coded schedule for the entire season was made available in October for the entire league. Arbutus Rec Program in 13/14/15 age group had only 17 kids and wanted to merge with Catonsville, but after numerous phone calls, no one got back to them. Those players had to play 3v3. When Sandy asked the director of the Catonsville league why he did not get back to Arbutus, he did not give a firm answer. Bottom line is the boy's basketball program needs help. Sandy is offering, with Rick Russell, to help. (Rick Russell and Sandy Sanders manage Howard County program with 4500 players)

Chip's two grandsons have been playing rec basketball for last 17 years. This is the most disorganized year.

Kelly Benefiel paused the discussion to see if this could be discussed after the meeting and to allow other new business. Natalie agreed stating she would like to include multiple people in the discussion.

Catonsville After Prom Committee: They fundraise all year long. Total party is about \$15,000. Largest fundraiser is a bingo fundraiser this weekend at the Elk Lodge. This is the 3rd year on the Spirit of Baltimore. This year prom is May 5, but will continue into May 6. (Officially starts 12:01 am on May 6).

Q: How much do the fundraisers generate?

A: About \$9,000

Q: What do you generate from Rec and Park donations?

A: About \$3600

In the past, the 100 account will match up to a certain amount the donations.
Western Tech

Q: How do we get the doors painted for the CMS snack snack? Also need the bathroom floors to be resealed and still waiting on lock?

A: Michelle stated lock has been submitted three times and will submit the other needs.

Q: Any word Mount de Sales gym?

A: No, not yet. MSDA wanted to get on field in February 20, but it was denied

Q: Spring allocation schedule?

A: Michelle will send it to Katie.

Q: Update on home plate?

A: Michelle submitted the request and should be done by April 1.

Q: Leadership Fees were assessed, but when will the council assessment fee occur?

A: Joe has it scheduled for April, possibly March. It was done in April last year

Request motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on March 27, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meaggan Aiosa