

LAKEWOOD CITY SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY RECREATION AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
ADULT ATHLETIC COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Attendance

Commission

Art Gold, President - excused
Troy Bratz, Vice President - present
Margaret Wetzler, Recording Secretary - present
Ryan Birth - present
Derek Clark - excused
Bill Fraunfelder - present
Kevin Fischer - present

Staff

Bob Curtin - present
Rick Wallenhorst - present
John Mandula - present

Also present was CREC Commissioner Joe Stolitza.

Meeting

The meeting was called to order by T Bratz at 7:01pm at the Lakewood Board of Education Auditorium. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014, meeting was heard from K Fischer, seconded by B Fraunfelder. The motion carried.

Communications

M Wetzler asked for further details on the e-mail from CREC President Don Sharp regarding the Commissioner Hall of Fame. Discussion followed.

Appeal

Information regarding the suspension and subsequent request for appeal of Mr Emmanuel Delk was received by members of the commission. The appeal was not heard as Mr Delk did not attend the meeting. Mr Delk must appear before the ACC prior to being re-instated and allowed to play again in the league.

Review of Sports

Basketball - R Wallenhorst reported that the regular season will wrap up on March 18, 2014; play-offs will begin in all three divisions beginning March 19, 2014. Mr Wallenhorst expressed his pleasure with the overall play and quality of officiating of the season thus far.

Volleyball - The open gym format continues to be well attended and well run.

Flag Football - Registration for the spring/summer league is open, and goes through March 15, 2014, but there are no teams registered. Mr Wallenhorst will contact teams that played in the fall league to encourage registration.

Softball - 54 teams have registered across all leagues thus far, and more are expected prior to the March 15, 2014, deadline. A mandatory managers meeting has been set for April 24, 2014, at Grant Elementary at 6pm.

Kickball - Registration for the summer league open April 15, 2014.

Pickleball - Three teams have registered; the season is scheduled to begin mid-May.

Commissioners Softball Tournament

T Bratz reported that the first informational meeting was held recently. The group will be taking a new approach to scheduling games for the men's and co-ed tournaments, basing it on an eight team bracket. The group will be looking to improve marketing and solicitation of sponsors. Usher & Foxx fields have been reserved for August 8, 9 & 10, 2014.

Old Business

R Birth received his ID.

2014 versions of rulebooks for flag football, kickball and softball were distributed, by email, to commissioners for review.

New Business

Head umpire John Mandula addressed some of the responses to the survey sent out to officials and umpires relating to softball. Discussion followed, and suggestions were made as to improve the program:

- 1) Distribute ground rules for all fields to team managers and umpires.
- 2) Work with Geiger's to offer full uniforms (shirts, shorts & hats) to umpires.
- 3) Review uniform requirements for AA level team.
- 4) Send a letter under the signatures of CREC, B Curtain, R Wallenhorst and J Mandula to managers to encourage proper uniforms be worn by teams, depending on their league, and follow ground rules as outlined for each field.
- 5) Provide updated banned bat list, per ASA regulations, to team managers and umpires; persistent reminders for umpires to check bats early & throughout the season; change bat challenge rules.
- 6) Investigate purchasing a bat compression testing machine; B Fraunfelder agreed to look into the costs.

An update on the improvements at Foxx Field were shared.

B Curtain advised the commission that the City of Lakewood is soliciting applications for volunteers to serve on a Lakewood Recreation Task Force to study the current state of recreation offerings in the City and make recommendations for the future. The Board of Education has declined to be involved in the Task Force at this time.

M Wetzler recognized R Wallenhorst for the time and effort he put into updating the rule books for softball, kickball and flag football.

M Wetzler moved to adjourn at 8:19pm; K Fischer seconded the motion. The motion carried. The next scheduled meeting of the ACC will be the Joint Commissioners' Meeting on April 8, 2014, at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wetzler

Recording Secretary