

**Town of Henniker
Athletic Commission Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2009
Henniker Grange Hall**

Members Present: Marc McMurphy-Chairperson, Jaime Weston, Shannon Camara, Tim Lamphere, Jim O'Rourke, Greg Jenson (not active), Priscilla Fitch, Jarrod Brooks, Rocky Bostrom (Selectman rep), Chris Woodbury (not active) Brian DuBreuil, Chad Carter (not active), Sarah Bisson, Chrissy Aucoin, Valerie Simeone

Member(s) Absent: Mark Gage, Sarah Nelson, Holly Cole, Lori Runksmeier, and Glenn Sullivan

Recording Secretary: Cherry J. Palmisano

Chairman Marc McMurphy opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Priscilla Fitch motioned to accept the minuets of August 25, 2009, Brian DuBreuil seconded and all were in favor.

Marc McMurphy introduced Chad Carter as the new IT Director. Chad said he has put together a plan, reviewed the site and will require help from the members of the Commission. He said his plan will make reporting results much easier, especially in the next year. Chad told the commission he would like to set up a meeting with each member.

Basketball

Priscilla Fitch introduced Greg Jenson, who will be the new Basketball Director. Greg will be shadowing for now and be on his own next year.

Greg Jenson told the Commission he would like to exploit You Tube as a training and teaching tool. He would like to video a basket ball game early in the session and one late in the session for players to review. There would be a privacy code to access the video clips and a players name would never be used. Greg feels there is no better way to improve than seeing yourself executing the movement. Tim thinks they would need permission from the town. It was discussed Greg would have to write up a policy and also define how this can be a coaching tool. Jerry feels it is a great idea but questions everyone getting the service and some not getting the service. Marc said Greg will need to submit a letter to Peter Flynn to get on the Selectman's agenda.

Budgeting

Brian DuBreuil introduced Chris Woodbury, who is interested in taking over his position as Director of Finance. Chris has experience in coaching and works on budgets on a daily basis.

Brian told the commission he collected all the budgets, summarized by sport, calculated the amount of players, cost per player and came up with a total budget. The 2009 budget was \$42,100 and the proposed 2010 budget is \$54,300 which is an increase of 29%. Brian thinks they need to tighten the budget; he would like to see a flat lined proposed budget.

Baseball – field house rental and insurance increased.

Soccer – to keep the budget flat lined they could take \$300 out of coach's clinics.

Basketball – 55% increase, unsure of league fees at this time. Requesting to purchase ball bags, basketballs at approximately \$45 each, and uniforms are needed for almost all age groups.

Cheerleading – requesting to purchase uniforms for \$400 and four new mats for \$1,000.

Website – \$300 website subscription.

Minutes – will be taken care of by the town.

Equipment – Jim O'Rourke said they spent \$400 on new medical kits will spend the rest of the money to restock the medical kits. They budgeted \$400 for material to build shelves.

Wrestling – no expenses other than insurance, mats will be donated from John Stark and will be going to the Community School.

Marc said to keep in mind four years ago they needed everything (equipment and uniforms) and some have been replaced and anything they could get donations for they did. They are trying to level fund their budget for 2010 and need to base the budget on real numbers and do not ask for more than they need.

Jamie Weston said the soccer snack shack is going well and she will be fundraising. Shannon Camara said she will be stepping down due to scheduling conflicts.

Marc discussed presenting to the Selectman the need to get a Chairman and said if there is no anchor person to make sure from year to year things stay on track things don't work. Marc said they have over 100 people who volunteer for the programs putting in 7,000-8,000 hours of volunteering time. It was discussed that the commission has two big initiatives which are, having their own fields and having a part time or full time director. Marc said if everyone agrees they need to hire a director he will put something together for the Selectman. Marc feels they could charge per player to cover this position. Rocky thinks hiring a director now in this climate would be hard pressed. Marc said he is concerned with there being no one behind him to take over. It was discussed that the program should not have to suffer and should stay at a standard level. Rocky said right now the college seems eager to work with the town regarding the fields. Gerry said getting the director position is almost more important than getting the fields at this time.

Marc encouraged all commission members to spread the word for the need of volunteers.

Gerry _____ motioned to close the meeting, Tim Lamphere seconded the motion at 7:57 p.m. and all were in favor.