

HENNIKER ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

October 12, 2010
Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Tim Lamphere, Interim Chairman; Chad Carter; Shannon Lovejoy; Jamie Weston; Marc McMurphy; Tracy Shattuck; Sarah Nelson; Jim O'Rourke; Leo Aucoin; Chris Woodbury; Greg Jensen; Chris Aucoin
Guests: Jarrod Tirrell; Bethany Newcomb

Review and Approve September 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes:

Mr. McMurphy **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the 9/14/10 meeting as submitted. Ms. Nelson **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED, 7-0.**
(Mr. Lamphere, Mr. Carter, Ms. Lovejoy, Ms. Weston, Mr. McMurphy, Ms. Nelson & Ms. Shattuck voted. Other members came in afterwards.)

Athletic Director Committee Update:

Marc McMurphy stated that the committee has met and has until the end of the year to decide if there is a need for an Athletic Director for the Town. He stated that the committee includes John Helfrich, Lori Runsmeyer, Jim O'Rourke, Nicole Gage and a couple other representatives.

Baseball Update:

Mr. Lamphere stated that the baseball field has been re-done to make a 70' diamond. The fall baseball season is underway.

Leo Aucoin showed plans where an additional field can be made if the backstop of one of the fields is moved to another location. He stated that the grade of the land can be lowered and another full field can be created. He suggested asking for volunteer machine work so that it can be done in time for next season. He stated that they need to check with the Army Corps of Engineers again as they don't want to lose any cubic feet of water storage. There was some discussion about how much dirt would be needed to create a softball field. Ms. Weston stated that it would be better to get what is needed the first time rather than spending money twice to get the job done. Mr. Aucoin stated that he will investigate pricing to move the fence and other improvements. He also stated that the committee needs to review the lease from 1997 and make sure that it is still valid.

Budget Update:

Chris Woodbury distributed copies of the 2010 budget to date and the proposed budget for 2011. He stated that it shows the explanation for the expense for the pitching mound. He stated that there will be another expense for dirt in the spring as more dirt will need to be added after settling. He reviewed the remaining budgets for individual sports and equipment. Mr. Woodbury stated that he does not have the updated records on the Fundraising balance. Jamie Weston stated that she will speak to Mr. Roy at the Town Hall when she goes in to make deposits to that account.

Mr. Woodbury stated that the 2011 proposed budget is the same as the 2010 budget. He stated that he has shown that the budget increased from 2008 to 2009, but has remained flat from 2009, 2010 & 2011. He stated that he has demonstrated that each

category is running as close to the minimum as it can while providing services for the Town. There was discussion about the actual operating expenses and fluctuating costs (such as the number of kids that participate in the athletic program). Mr. Woodbury stated that the differential is \$3,500-\$5,000 which is within a 12%-13% margin. There was further discussion by the committee that the Town Athletic department provides avenues of opportunity that many kids would otherwise not have.

Guest: Discussion about Town playground:

Chairman Lamphere introduced guest Bethany Newcomb to speak to the committee. Ms. Newcomb stated that she is part of a group of involved residents who are interested in creating a playground in the Town. She stated that she was told that permission was granted by the Army Corps of Engineers to construct a playground by the soccer fields. She asked if the committee knew of any of the previous discussions about this project and if there was any available land for a playground to be erected. Marc McMurphy stated that this is the type of long-range planning for space that a Recreation Director could be instrumental in handling as there has been discussion about the Teen Center, a playground, trails, etc. Mr. McMurphy invited Ms. Newcomb to attend the next meeting of the Director search committee which will be held Oct. 14, 2010 at 7:30 pm to present her request and make the needs known. Mr. McMurphy stated that he has some information about the land on Old Concord Road that may be helpful to her as the entire field complex is under a lease agreement. Another suggestion was made to look at the land behind Town Hall. Ms. Newcomb stated that she had heard that that land was part of the Historic District which would not be suitable for a playground site. Mr. McMurphy suggested that organizing grass-roots support and looking for grants would be helpful for this project. The committee thanked Ms. Newcomb for working on this project.

Soccer Update:

Tracy Shattuck stated that the regular soccer season was coming to an end and there were two tournaments being played on Saturday (Sunday rain date). Chris Aucoin suggested putting "no parking" signs along the driveway to help mitigate traffic. Concern was expressed about a well at the edge of the soccer property that had suffered damage in the past; others stated that it is now protected by a fence. It was suggested that parking attendants be on hand to help with the increased traffic.

Fundraising Update:

Ms. Weston stated that the Parents' Night Out is coming up and donations are coming in for the event. She stated that she is checking with Mr. Roy in the Town office about the 2009 soccer fundraising to see where that money was deposited. She stated that money that the fundraising group raises should be kept in the fundraising budget. She stated that the recent Music on Main Street was a success that resulted in \$335 profit. She stated that sweatshirts will be available for the basketball season (they earn approximately \$10 on each sweatshirt). She stated that she will put an order form online for the basketball sweatshirts. The window decals are not in yet.

Wrestling Update:

Jim O'Rourke stated that they are looking for a new Wrestling Director. He introduced Jarrod Tirrell who has expressed interest in helping the wrestling program. Mr. O'Rourke stated that 20 kids participated in wrestling last season and they have expressed interest in continuing. He stated that they have to discuss where mats can be kept. He stated that the intramural season is typically in between basketball and

baseball; however, the more competitive league schedule is really in December/January, and there are kids that are ready to compete at that level.

Uniform Update:

Chris Aucoin stated that the soccer season is winding down and she will be collecting those uniforms. She will be getting the basketball uniforms ready for the season with Mr. Jensen.

Website Update:

Chad Carter stated that he has updated the Athletic Committee website. The biggest change is with the registration process; this needs to be approved in order to be operational by Friday for the basketball season. The uniform agreement will be added as part of the registration process. There was discussion about wording of one of the headings. Ms. Weston suggested adding a clarifying sentence to the "opt-out waiver" to make it easier to understand. Mr. Jensen stated that he will have a 3-page overview of the basketball program that can be attached as a pdf file to the basketball webpage. Mr. Carter stated that he is working on a task flow chart for sports directors and coaches.

Basketball Update:

Mr. Jensen stated that basketball registrations will be conducted online from 10/15 - 10/31/10. He asked if he could use the sandwich board to advertise at the center of Town. Ms. Weston volunteered to write the information on the board.

Miscellaneous:

Mr. O'Rourke stated that the high school football team is looking for a service project to do. Email him with any ideas.

Ajournment:

Mr. McMurphy **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Mr. O'Rourke **SECONDED** the motion. Motion **PASSED, 12-0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Astholz