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**Town of Henniker  
Athletics Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 20, 2020  
Virtual**

**Members Present:** Jarrod Brooks- Committee Chair, Chris Woodbury-Finance Director, Erich Adler- Softball Director, Heather Jones- IT Director, Dave DeCew- Baseball Director, Jon Korbet- Basketball Director, Colleen Gagnon Soccer pre-2 Director

**Members Excused:** Jared Ward, Jamie Weston

**Recording Secretary:** Colleen Gagnon

**Jarrod Brooks brought the meeting to order at 7:05pm.**

**Softball/Baseball:**

It was reported that the baseball and softball seasons have been officially canceled for this Spring season. Russ Roy advised the committee that it is preferred that fees paid for softball/baseball are kept and applied to the next sport a child plays, likely soccer. If a family requests a refund it was discussed that the list of those to be refunded would be given to Russ Roy in one document. It was discussed and decided that Jarrod Brooks would send out and email to the HYA community explaining the canceled season and how refunds would work. Families would be asked to reply to Jarrod in order to keep all the refund information in one place. Jarrod will then provide Russ Roy with a list of families who requested a refund.

**Field Naming:**

A letter was sent from the Town Administrator and Superintendent of Schools requesting that a town field be named in honor of a retiring school member. The committee read the letter and held a discussion. The field's proposed name would be "The Knapton Field". The committee discussed that the Town Hall field and the field at Old Concord Road are both already named. The committee agreed that a field behind the Henniker Community School could be named.

**Chris Woodbury made a motion to name the second field behind the school "The Knapton Field" pursuant to the letter dated April 23, 2020 from the Henniker Town Administrator, Joeseeph Devine and the Superintendent of Schools, Jacqueline Co. Dave DeCew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Old Concord Road Field:**

It was discussed that there has been trouble with golfing on the fields and people bringing their dogs to the fields. Due to these issues Jarrod had two signs made. One sign to state that Dogs must be leashed at all times. A second sign to state the Golfing is prohibited. There were

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complaints from community members. The Town Administrator contacted Jarrod stating that the signs must be taken down because they were not approved by the Board of Selectman.

Jarrod stated that the Athletics Committee has not had to have things approved by the Board of Selectman in the past. The Board of Selectman stated that the field's are public land.

Chris reviewed that years ago the Athletic's Committee did request approval to put 'No Dogs Allowed' signs on the Town Hall Baseball field.

At Old Concord Road it is not town land and only a portion of the fields are public land. The Connor Family owns one side of the field and the Army Core owns the other side of the field.

Last year signs were placed at the Old Concord Road field, regarding parking, without Board of Selectman approval and there were no complaints.

Jarrod has been invited to attend the next Board of Selectman's meeting on June 2, 2020. Jarrod accepted the invitation and will attend the meeting to receive clarification on the issue of the signs. Chris offered to attend the BOS meeting with Jarrod.

The committee discussed numerous ways to generate community support for the Athletics Committee regarding the signs on the Old Concord Road Field.

### **Soccer:**

It was discussed that soccer registration will be opened on or around June 1<sup>st</sup> with no fee attached at this time.

### **Fields:**

It was discussed that the committee will follow the Governor's recommendations regarding opening up the fields.

### **Batting Cage:**

Dave asked about putting up the batting cage at the Town Hall field. It was decided that the batting cage will not be put up this season.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.**

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