

Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC)

Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2015

Opening

The second meeting of the Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC) was called to order at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 21, 2015 in the Landscape Management Building by Eddy Hendricks.

Present

Renee Bradshaw (ACHR), Don Marcari (GNAA), John Dorsett (KRA), Amber Wood-Bailey (KGLRA), Mike Kirby (WKYA), Sherray Gravely (WRL), Eddy Hendricks (SM/CWA), Sherry Hawkins (SM/CWA), Kevin Bennington (SM), Bob Trahan (ODO), Aaron McCoy (Finance)

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from April 23, 2015 were approved as written.

Old Business

The following alternates have been submitted and approved.

Charter Member	Alternate	Area Recreation Association
Renee Bradshaw	Brad Heiser	Association of Courthouse Recreation
Don Marcari	Jeff Doy	Great Neck Athletic Association
John Dorsett	Don Whitelaw	Kempsville Recreation Association
Amber Wood-Bailey	Jamie Gardner	Kings Grant Recreation Association
Mike Kirby	Lou Rossero	West Kempsville Youth Athletics
Sherray Gravely	John Brooks	Woodstock Recreation Association

The RASC mailbox has been established (vbprasc@vbgov.com). In accordance with ComIT guidelines, Eddy, Sherry, and Kevin have read/send capabilities.

Discussion: NAYS documents

These resources address the philosophy for the changing landscape of youth sports, and provide a foundation for the structure of athletic programs.

Comments: many associations are already doing things noted in the documents, but perhaps improvements can be made.

Recommendations:

- Adopt the Philosophy of NAYS

- Adopt the guidelines set forth in the NAYS documents, with revisions to suit local needs and policies (or change policies)
- Revisit Parent Accountability Guidelines with implementation suggestions

Chart depicting sports currently offered by each Recreation Association was presented by Eddy. This will be referenced during programs offerings (new business).

Charter was finalized, as amended, and was circulated for signatures.

New Business

Age Groups

Discussion: #U model

Consider clinics for 4 year olds (Start Smart - NAYS). Kevin distributed and discussed cost recovery figures for youth leagues administered by the City. Official's costs for each league: Softball \$6,200 of \$11,909 (52.06%); Volleyball \$14,800 of \$24,855 (59.47%), Basketball \$37,556 of \$102,581 (36.61%); Football \$22,396 of \$47,356 (47.29%). Security is exorbitant: \$10,000 for football and basketball. Many agreed we should not have to provide security at youth league games.

Recommendations: #U model will be used (18U, 16U, 14U, 12U, 10U, 8U, 6U). Participants can play-up, but require an accommodation plan in order to play down (through Parks and Recreation Service Standards Unit).

Program Offerings

Discussion: 1 in 6,000 high school football players advance to the NFL; 1 in 10,000 high school basketball players advance to the NBA. Comments: we don't do enough for girls; we don't have to provide every sport nor should we add sports that compete with existing leagues, but can establish partnerships; players should learn, have fun, and want to come back next season; consistency is imperative.

Recommendations: Core sports: tackle football, basketball, volleyball, softball. Others offered: flag football, baseball, cheer. Others to consider: field hockey, lacrosse, golf.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Address next concern/issue: structure of programs

Homework

Read Start Smart information on NAYS www.NAYS.org

Identify resources (Kevin)

Post Charter on youth section of City's webpage www.vbgov.com/sports (Eddy)

Post Meeting Minutes at same location www.vbgov.com/sports (Eddy)

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm by Aaron. The next general meeting will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 18, in the large conference room at Landscape Management.