

Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC)

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2015

Opening

The fourth meeting of the Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC) was called to order at 6:35pm on Thursday, July 16, 2015 in the Landscape Management Building by Eddy Hendricks.

Present

Renee Bradshaw (ACHR), 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 June 18, 2015 were approved as amended.

Old Business

Identify Resources

Discussion: P&R Department just completed a 1½ year strategic plan which analyzed the cost recovery of all programs/services. Youth Sports must be at 125% direct cost recovery. P&R doesn't have to be the provider, but can establish partnerships. Focus is to maximize participation at lowest cost. P&R received operating budget information from Great Neck and West Kempsville (attached).

Structure of Programs

Discussion: Use of #U model must be spreading, as CWA has received inquiries. Age eligibility will align with the VBCPS standard (September 30 of the current school year). Progressive use of officials based on age level. Potential survey questions were brainstormed, as only Great Neck and West Kempsville had submitted suggestions. Demographics can be asked, but should be optional. Survey circulation needs to be as broad and inclusive as possible since tax dollars help support the youth leagues, targeting both current and potential participants.

Recommendations: CWA will compile questions and send to RASC for review. Every effort will be made to develop/send survey and compile results prior to August meeting...although this may not be a realistic expectation.

New Business

Vote to determine play-up eligibility

Discussion: Current motion being considered - child can play-up no more than one age level (i.e. a 5 year old can play 8U). Prerequisite - 5 & 6 year olds can only move up to 8U after completing one session/one year of 6U instruction. Should a child play-up and struggle, or play in current age level and need to move up, necessary arrangements will be made.

Recommendations: Child can play-up no more than one age level (prerequisite: 5 & 6 year olds can move up to 8U after completing one session/one year of 6U instruction)...motion carried.

Financials

Discussion: Kevin distributed and explained a tiered service direct cost spreadsheet for current core sports (attached) along with a chart that reflected per participant and per team registration fees to meet 125% cost recover (attached).

Recommendations: Kevin reiterated the importance of correcting issues now (i.e. changing program structure and decreasing expenses) otherwise; programs could be identified for elimination. As part of the FY17-18 budget process, 4% and 6% cuts must be identified. Going forward, funding may only exist for certain levels of service (and services provided elsewhere may no longer be funded). Recreation Associations will still be vital, but roles will likely change.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Survey status.

Address next concerns: coaches training and numbers, and partnership agreement.

Homework

Survey - CWA

Email notification to all Area Chair's regarding eminent changes, providing opportunity for input - CWA

Absorb structure change, with timeline for earliest possible implementation for Fall 2017.

Adjournment

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