

Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC)

Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2015

Opening

The sixth meeting of the Recreation Association Steering Committee (RASC) was called to order at 6:34pm on Thursday, September 17, 2015 in the Landscape Management Building by Eddy Hendricks.

Present

Renee Bradshaw (ACHR), Don Marcari (GNAA), Amber Wood-Bailey (KGLRA), 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 August 20, 2015 were approved as written.

Old Business/Since we last met...

Budget Timeline Implications

Discussion: P&R (along with other City Departments) must project a 10% budget cut for FY17 which equates to nearly \$100,000 in City-Wide Athletics. To continue current operations at the current level, team registration fees would be astronomical. We don't necessarily have to do less, but will need to do things differently. The effects of this budget cut will impact the structure, implementation and administration of the P&R/Rec Association program. Some recommendations were made and are captured below. Consistency is vital (Recreation Associations currently charge different fees, follow different rules, have different draft procedures, etc). P&R must provide equal opportunities for all children while focusing on maximizing participation at the lowest cost.

Proposed NAYS Model

Discussion:

- U6 (5 and 6 year olds) - staffed and operated by P&R, teach fundamental/developmental skills through lead-up games, consistent (multi-sport) curriculum, housed in Community Recreation Centers, involve parents, play-up: after completion of 1 session/year and based on skills assessment.
- U8 (7 and 8 year olds) - coaches on floor/field to manage/control play (can act as officials), teach fundamentals of game play, consistent (single-sport) curriculum, scores/standings are not maintained.

- U10 (9 and 10 year olds) - coaches on side, organizations train staff to serve as officials, scores/standings maintained but no post-season play.
- U12 (11 and 12 year olds) - competition begins at this level, contracted officials, registration rates change as services increase.
- U14, U16, and U18 programming needs to be addressed.

Concerns: competition level is a concern (thought U8 would still be competitive). Perception is committee was initially created to provide input/work together in order to meet challenges. Current reality of critical budget cuts is much different than when we started, and Committee must decide how to move forward (in light of limited resources and adopted NAYS philosophy).

Recommendations: CWA will renegotiate the Partnership Agreement with Associations. Every Association must offer core sports or partner with another Association to do so. Recreation Associations may choose to offer other sports, but should understand City support for those sports may differ from current levels. Associations may administer competitive programs but must align with a national sanctioning body.

Measures to address inconsistencies:

- Establish a bylaws template that contains some uniform provisions
- Establish single Citywide registration fee structures
- P&R to provide a liaison to ensure consistency in program structure and rule interpretation

Measures to reduce costs:

- Eliminate Saturday games held at indoor (school) facilities
- Teach players to call lines (volleyball)
- Provide for only one paid official
- Seek/secure corporate sponsors

Current needs identified by Recreation Associations

- Develop more coaches (through formal trainings and/or hands on opportunities)
- Offer both fundamental and competitive programs as a trial. Will also serve as a transition for current participants

Target Implementation Date

July 1, 2016 (specifically, fall 2016 programs).

New Business

All Call meeting Wednesday, October 7, 2015, 6:30pm, Landstown Middle School. This is not a public meeting.

Target group: Area Chair, Sports Coordinators, and/or Board Members.

Purpose is to explain the changing landscape of P&R youth sponsored athletic programs and outline proposed measures to address inconsistencies and reduce costs.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm by Eddy.