

Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2014

Mike Saylor called the meeting to order

In attendance: Mike Saylor, Doris Oliver, Brad Epperley, Charlton McCoy, Mary Critzer, Cord Hall, Brad Mecom, Jim Williamson

The minutes from the last meeting were approved

No citizen comments

Brad welcomed the new Town Council liaison, Cord Hall, to the Recreation Commission

Brad shared the highlights from the December monthly report:

- Total active memberships increased to 6000, and will increase even more next month with the colder weather
- There were \$2175 in rental contracts this month
- The Christmas Parade was a great success. The community really comes out for this event and we had close to 200 entries and the streets were packed
- Lions Club Craft Show went very well with 80 booths and had a great turnout of participants
- The Breakfast with Santa participation went down a little this year, which seems to be happening each year, but costs us the same. We are looking into different ideas including a "Santa Calling" program where parents come in and fill out a form for their child that includes what they are receiving for Christmas, and a little about each child. This will save money and be something different we have never done before
- All youth athletic football helmets have been sent off for reconditioning for the next season
- The walking/running track has still been an issue with basketball games. So we got some stations to separate one lane for people to use so they can walk around the track and it separates them from the walkers/runners
- We purchased some used portable basketball goals in almost new condition from Tech Sports Plex and they have become very popular with our patrons
- P90 Rec class has 21 participants, Zumba toning has 24 participants, and Evening yoga has 20 participants. These are very popular programs
- The Novice Dog Obedience has 32 dogs (along with owners) enrolled combined in the two separate sessions
- The Blood Drive had 22 participants, Senior Aerobics has 23 participants, and Zumba Gold has 22 participants
- There were 30 participants for the new waste management disposal seminar. We are going to also try to get a display here of the new trashcans and have information for people on the new changes to help inform the community
- Christmas luncheon had 99 participants this year with everyone having a really good time

- Special populations Christmas Dance had 239 participants, a really great program with a great turnout
- Adult Volleyball is finishing up and Adult basketball has started. Basketball team registrations were up this season with 9 fastbreak teams, 8 slowbreak teams, and 5 church league teams
- In January we will be having a Radford University Softball Clinic held at the Radford University facilities. Also in March we will have a Radford University baseball clinic.
- Christiansburg High School is having a clinic January 25 and we are currently taking registration for that
- We had a Region Meeting with our New River Valley Tournament Committee about the bylaws that protect us and everyone accepted the new bylaws. We will be having 2 World Series events this year one for USSSA and one for Nations baseball leagues
- New River Thunder is hosting a Feeding America tournament and we are able to donate food among other things to this great cause. We are also having the Fallen Officers Tournament with the Christiansburg Police Department again this year
- We are still moving forward with planning for the Buddy Camp that will take place this summer. This camp is for developmentally delayed children pre-k to kindergarten. Brad has been working closely with Tara Grant from Belview Elementary School. The camp will have 25 children from Montgomery County and 25 high school/college age 'buddies' that have ambitions of going into the teaching profession. This will be a half day camp with the end of each day going on a field trip. The cost will be around \$3000 and Nations baseball league has agreed to do a tournament with all proceeds going to this great camp. The camp will be held either at the Recreation Center or at Belview.
- Working with the library to have the "Story Walk" trail from Downtown Park to the library. There will be pages from a book along the trail so that when they finish the book they will be at the library, this will be a great asset
- Surveys for the Master Plan have gone out and are in the brochure and on our website. We have already received some back from the public including 103 from the online survey. We will also be placing locked boxes around the town (here in the Recreation Center, the Aquatics Center, Town Hall, and the Library) to also collect the surveys. Also working on using the Towns 'Notify Me' system to reach as many people as possible
- Brad Epperley turned the meeting over to Brad Mecham to talk about the Master Plan
 - He handed out a packet that will be one of the Chapters in the Master Plan that has the conditions and inventory of the parks and each park will have a rating for the use of the park (not the final draft of this chapter)

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held February 3, 2014.