

MINUTES FROM THE CHRISTIANSBURG PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING OF MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Diane Fenton, Chairperson called the meeting to order.

Commission looked over minutes from last meeting and approved them.

Mike Saylors addressed some of the concerns about equipment standards and fitting and the research he has done about the concerns. He found all of our equipment to be reconditioned and nothing over two years old. All of our equipment is up to standard, and we go by the same standard as the high school.

Mike Saylors address the issue about no officials at games. There were 72 games played between football, baseball, and softball. Only one game had no umpire and Mike says this was his fault, he forgot to make the call.

Sherri Belvins questioned fitting of equipment always be fitted by recreation staff on players? Some type of guidelines that we can tell parents they are not allowed to buy certain equipment?

Mike Saylors is going to come up with a list of guideline for parents so they no longer buy illegal equipment for players. The list will be given to each team.

Diane Fenton recommended for parents to email concerns about football program to Brian Lambert by Thursday, November 10 so that he has a list of concerns to take to his meeting with the NRV Youth Football Association.

Henry Showalter questioned equipment turn in procedure. Chuck Muncy, Charlton McCoy, and Brian Lambert have all been picking up equipment from the players at the last games of the season. The questions were brought up on how **the recreation center will enforce this procedure if parents don't return equipment.** Chuck has handbook with the procedures for this. One parent voiced concerns about the time taken after the last game it took to turn in equipment because it was a school night. Diane Fenton said helmets have been found at Play-it-Again sports, this is one of the reasons we have been trying to get equipment back so quickly. The suggestion was made to hold checks as deposit.

Sherri Blevins had more questions for the Commission.

Training for coaches, ID badges for coaches, coaches lined up before season starts, background checks and certifications for coaches, etc.

Charlton McCoy, Mike Saylors, Mike Harris, and Mary Critzer addressed and answered her concerns and comments.

Chuck Muncy, Supervisor of Outdoor Sports Facilities and Parks, presented his new handbook for youth sports that he has been working on.

Which includes: No request taken for team placement, team placement process, late registration fees, number of coaches allowed, coach background checks, coach training through the NYSCA, discipline for coaches, parent section, code of ethics, etc.

Recovery on equipment procedure was brought back up. Plans to look into DMV to stop from renewing license, etc. this is what they do for the water bills for the Town. Will look into other guidelines in future meetings.

Mike Barber suggested ideas on how to identify helmets as property of Christiansburg Recreation Center, maybe an emblem or label on the helmet.

Mike Harris reported on All Star policy.

There was no further business. Diane Fenton adjourned the meeting.

The “Commission” next meeting will be on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 6:00pm at the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

Members Present: Diane Fenton

Doris Oliver

Mary Critzer

Mike Harris

Mike Saylors

Jim Williamson

Tonia Winn

Mike Barber

Morgan Fenton

Art Price, Director of Parks and Recreation Center