

## Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

October 18, 2017

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Michelle Smith, Tom Kuhl, Charlie Langham, Bob Keyser, Cathy Hudson and Vann Saltz. Absent: Mary Gammer, Jay Robinson, Sherry-Lea Bloodworth Botop, Robert Brown and Derek Thomas. Gayle Fogarty took minutes at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the September 20, 2017 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Michelle Smith, none opposed.

**New Business:** Tom Kuhl introduced Terry Ebby to the board members, Terry works with the wrestling program at Fairhope High School. Terry stated that he is interested in creating a wrestling club/league and is looking for practice space, this would be a not for profit program, the goal is to introduce young people ages 5-13 to wrestling. Terry added that he would need room for a 36ft x 40ft mat, and would like to store it in the location where practice takes place, if possible. There was general discussion among the board members regarding this topic. Vann Saltz made a motion in favor of creating a wrestling club/league, board members considered the motion and it was approved, Bob Keyser abstained from voting, as he is a coach for the FHS wrestling program. Vann asked that Tom work with Terry to find space, if it is available.

**Old Business:** Tom added that no franchise fee has been paid at this time by Jody Hoda to teach softball.

**Recreation Update:** Tom Kuhl informed the board members that he is again working on the Coke contract, as it expires at the end of December. He added that the marina has been placed under the Recreation Department, and Drew Craze has been hired as the marina manager. Tom stated that he is a good fit, the City took back over the marina on Sunday. The company previously managing it is working to get everything out of the boat year by mid-November. There are 92 slips and a boat yard at the marina, the City will bid out who will run the boat yard.

Bob Keyser informed the board that the Halloween Blast Tournament is this weekend, with 133 teams, 100 playing in Fairhope, and the others playing in Daphne. Bob added that this is the 13<sup>th</sup> year for this tournament. He also added that the pancake breakfast will be on Saturday at FHS at 8 a.m. Michelle Smith stated that the swim meet held last week went very smoothly. She thanked Cathy Hudson for being so helpful, also stated that no one was disqualified. She said, they are still tallying the funds for the Rotary Youth Club and Fairhope pool. Cathy Hudson informed the group that last night was the Battle of the Bay, girls won, and boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, the county meet will be held on November 7. Charlie Langham encouraged the board members to go to the tournament this weekend and see the kids play soccer. He also informed the board of the upcoming football games, and complimented Tom Kuhl and his crew on how great the field looks.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.