

**Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board  
January 21, 2015**

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Tom Kuhl, Charlie Langham, Vann Saltz, Bob Keyser, Michelle Smith, Derek Thomas, Cathy Hudson, Sherry Sullivan and Jenny Douglass. Diana Brewer and Mike Ford were absent. Gayle Fogarty took the minutes. Guests: Andy Bobe and John Avent of Preble-Rish.

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz. The minutes of the December meeting were considered with the correction of a couple of typos, and then approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

**Discussion of New Tennis Courts** - Sherry Sullivan updated the group on the tennis court project. She stated that the City is also looking into the cost of Hydro Courts-which have underground water systems. Sherry mentioned that according to USTA, courts should be built in banks of 6 and 12 like surfaces are required to host league play. There was great deal of discussion on the amount of courts, types of courts, the possibility of a maintenance position and a tennis pro being hired in the next budget year. Also, discussion of league and tournament play requirements and requirements of ALHAS.

**Manley Road Soccer Complex** – Vann Saltz informed the group that Preble-Rish representatives –Andy Bobe and John Avant- attended the meeting to share the new plans of the Manley Soccer Complex. There will be 9 fields instead of 10; Bob Keyser stated he is working with the soccer community on the possibility of getting some outside funding for the restrooms and concession stand. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the building is available for future growth. There was general discussion among the board members on the plans. A motion was made to recommend this set of plans to the Fairhope City Council, on a motion by Charlie Langham, seconded by Derek Thomas, none opposed.

**Updates** – Tom Kuhl informed the group that softball and soccer tournaments are already lined up, Senior Bowl practice was a great success. Sherry added that the team summit is coming up in February of 2015.

**Tennis Rules** – Vann Saltz asked the group to look over the tennis rules. Bob Keyser requested making two additions - 1. No pets on playing surface 2. No unattended minors in Tennis Center. Sherry provided an update stating that the City Attorney suggested having a policy in place, not an ordinance. Sherry added that the City Attorney and City Council need discuss this further. Michelle suggested limiting time, the group decided on changing the rules to read- “Please limit your playing time to one hour, when others are waiting.” Tom Kuhl suggested moving the park rules sign closer to the tennis courts and removing rules-4,5,6,8 & 11 from the tennis court rules – to reduce the number of signs being in the park. There was also general discussion of the lights at the tennis courts.

A motion was made to recommend the tennis court rules to the Fairhope City Council, on a motion by Michelle Smith, seconded by Bob Keyser, none opposed.

**Swim Update** - Cathy Hudson shared that she and Helen Legg attended the January 12, 2015 Fairhope City Council meeting and Helen was recognized for her AHSAA State Diving Champion title. Cathy also informed the group that at the State High School meeting-she can now charge for those that attending high school swim meets. Also, added that FAST has not started yet. Sherry Sullivan informed that group that Cathy Hudson has been named the Volunteer of Year for the City of Fairhope. She will receive the award at the State of the City Address on February 22, 2015.

**Soccer Update-** Bob Keyser stated that the pancake breakfast will be January 23 at FMS. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. Drawdown will be on February 28 at the Fairhope Civic Center. Southern Shootout is Feb. 13 & 14 and the Buccaneer Bash Tournament is Feb. 27 & 28. Bob added that he has the plans for the Robertsdale Concession stand-which will be used as a guide.

**Franchise Agreement** - Michelle Smith is working on a franchise agreement for Adult Tri-Training with the City of Fairhope. Michelle explained her intentions with the group and left the room around 6:30 p.m., so the group could discuss the agreement. The group had several additional questions that needed to be addressed before they approved the agreement. Sherry Sullivan asked that everyone send questions to Gayle Fogarty, she would compile a list and send to Michelle for clarification. After a great deal of discussion, a motion was made to table the discussion until the next meeting set for February 18, 2015 on a motion by Derek Thomas, seconded by Jenny Douglass, none opposed. Vann Saltz added that he would inform Michelle the action that was taken by the group.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.