



Monthly Program Meeting Minutes

North Carroll Recreation Council

A board planning meeting was held on November 13th, 2019 at the North Carroll Senior Center. The meeting began at 8:00pm and was presided over by President Frank Riegert, with Jen Lettau as Secretary.

Attendance Record:

Jen Lettau, Jim Miller, Mike Strohman, Steve Millington, Donna Millington, Jacob Parker, Jeff Degitz, John Woodley, Teri Leatherwood, Liz Piper, Ben Lamp, Jeff Howard, Mike Hernandez, Erin Gibson, Crystal Pietryak, Chris Yowell, Andy Kiler, Frank Riegert, Gary Seigler, Alex Jacob, Wade Shank, Justin Otto, Maria Artista, Heidi Lippy Sprinkle

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- I. **MEETING ATTENDANCE:** Please Sign In – determines your ability to vote
 - II. **November 2019 Program Meeting:** Meeting is Called to Order - 8:00pm
 - III. **October 2019 Minutes:** Meeting Minutes (Motion to Approve) - *Jim 1st and Jeff 2nd*
 - IV. **November 2019 Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Report– report emailed in by Rich and read by Frank: Total Liabilities of \$448,014.48. Total Receipts for October 2019 \$303,335.15, Disbursements of \$288,368.95 for the same period. Net receipts of \$14,966.20 for the month. With the loss of the \$15,000 annual contribution from the dance program that has been removed from the recreation council the per participant fee will increase to \$25 starting with the programs in the spring. Any spring program with open registration will not be effected until next season so that proper budget adjustments can be made. -*Approved, Jeff 1st, Jen 2nd*
 - V. **November 2019 Community Coordinator's Report:** - *Maria— Master calendar is out to all the coordinators. If you have any questions please send them to Maria.*
 - VI. **November 2019 Recreation and Parks Report:** *Becky— Not Present*
 - VII. **November 2019 President's Report:**

Old Business:

- Leadership Turnover—Must present successors to Executive Board BEFORE Program Meeting. *Field Hockey @ December*
- Self Help—Softball & Travel Soccer granted funds. *Panther Park project and Goals*
- Teri Leatherwood - VoY - *Congratulations to Teri*
- NCMS—Lights fixed—*Lights seem to be all fixed at this point.*

New Business:

- Per Player Fee Increase—Executive Board APPROVED indoor/outdoor program per player fee increase.—*To discuss in further detail in the December meeting.*

VIII. November 2019 PoC & Committee Reports:

- Fields – Chuck Harris - *Have the last bit of fertilizing to do, weather pending.*
- Grievance - Josh Peltzer, Chairman; Diane Hurd, and Charlene Zito
- Membership – 1693 (previous 1577) Members—membership not required to register for programs.

- Publicity – URLs (website links) may be published throughout CCPS every 2 weeks.

IX. **October 2019 Individual Program Coordinator’s Report (Individual reports available upon request)** - Chart below represents all programs with notes on who was not present for report.

NCRC Sponsored		NCRC Member Sponsored
1. Manchester Baseball	12. Colts Football/Cheerleading	20. NCRC Dance— <i>not present</i>
2. Manchester Wrestling	13. Striking Cobra (Martial Arts: Kenpo) - NP	21. NCRC Yoga—NP
3. NC Hotshots Softball	14. NCRC Tennis	22. Diamond Baseball Academy
4. NCTSC Soccer (Travel) NP— emailed	15. NCRC Golf - NP	
5. NCRC Soccer (In-House) -NP—emailed	16. NCRC Volleyball	
6. NCRC Field Hockey	17. Camp: Volleyball	
7. NCRC Lacrosse (Girls)	18. Summer Playground - <i>Not Present</i>	
8. NCRC Lacrosse (Boys) -	19. Accelerators Track & Field - <i>Not Present</i>	
9. GONZO Lacrosse (Boys & Girls)- NP		
10. NCRC Basketball (In-House/Travel)		
11. Camp: Hooked On Hoops Basketball - <i>Not Present</i>		

IX. **Open Discussion**

Coppermine Four Seasons—Alex to present C4S vision & Speak w/ program coordinators.

Alex Jacobs introduced himself speaking a little about his personal life and then jumping into the start of Coppermine. Coppermine was started in 2011. There are currently 9 locations. They purchased 4 Seasons very quickly, looked at it on a Monday and signed a letter of intent on a Wednesday. Every location is a completely different purchase, just because one location has or does something does not mean that the next project will be the exact same. Nothing is set in stone, there is not a set design for all of the locations. The 4 Seasons project will receive what is needed for the area. It was noted that everyone in the area has always wanted 4 Seasons to be upgraded and “wouldn’t it be nice if someone would just put some money into it” but now that someone is, there is fear amongst the community. Coppermine is not going to hurt the community but support and create an atmosphere that is lacking in the area for youth sports. Looking to become a rental facility and not a competing entity. There will be a turf field added into the back that is 65x120, with 60 foot and 90 foot base options for softball/baseball. Coppermine will continue to support their club teams and will continue to advertise them even in this community because there are kids that outgrow rec ball and they will go play club ball somewhere whether its for Coppermine or someone else. The club teams will remain at the Mt. Washington area but you will see advertisement for them in our area. Concerns were brought up about girls lacrosse if programs are offered during the normal recreation season it will fold the rec program. What parent/child would not want to play on turf versus playing on grass even if it is just a little more. Coppermine wants to offer rental to rec programs and not compete in programs. It’s a much easier model to rent then to create. Coppermine does not have the man power nor do they want to search for the staffing to do such things. Coppermine does as they say, they will support this community as best they can. Please ask them for help in creating clinics. They have a lot of resources and could probably supply top notch instruction if desired. Let them help! Get your letters of intent into Wade so that as a rec council we can secure a better rate than if each individual program were to rent.

Jeff Degitz—Q&A with the Director of CCRP

Jeff had a positive meeting with Alex the week prior to determine how Coppermine could affect youth sports in our county. Concerned how it could directly affect the North Carroll Rec. Council especially with the possibility of NCHS closing. There are more unknowns than knowns when it comes to NCHS. The Sheriffs department is an unknown to whether they are staying or not. Nothing has been finalized. If and when there is a sale it needs to be done so in an open session and everyone would know about it. Questions were asked that if and when it were sold is there a replacement for our rec council. We used approximately 2000 hours in 1 year’s time where do we go? We will have programs that are going to be completely displaced. Jeff assured that we had it secured for 3 years from when we started to use it. We are in our 3rd year, which ends June 2020. Our rec council has spread out over the past 3 years due to the usage of NCHS, a comment was made that its not that we have spread out but that we have also grown dramatically during the past 3 years. It was made known by the county that we should not grow our programs outside our available resources. There is nothing the county can do for space for the NCRC area. Jeff does not write the checks and he advocates strongly for our council but they will not be replacing the space that will be lost in the event that the high school is sold. There is no plan to replace. A question to when will be able to use NCHS, and again it is unknown but as far as Jeff is concerned there is not a buyer and we have use

until June. Leisters Park was to get a fieldhouse, what happened to finishing that park? The answer to that was "That has been off the plan for years now, that project is finished." It was denied that a new field was being built at the Carroll County Sports Complex by Jeff. There is a \$5 million community center being built in the Charles Carroll area for a community the fraction of the size. Should we be telling our voters to use the Charles Carroll Community Center that they received rather than the \$1 million project that was promised and denied to our community? Jeff's Response "The people of that community are isolated from other parts of the county. Proximity to a facility is ultimately what determined that they would get that facility." Someone noted that property was being purchased in Taneytown but Jeff did not comment on that. It was asked since outside programs rent our fields at \$10/hour that if we can also rent field usage outside of our council space for \$10/hour. We are to work with Maria and she should be able to get availability across the county for us to be able to utilize other spaces if necessary. Jeff does not want any county field not being utilized. NCRC spends over \$50k per year on the maintenance of fields including the impact of use of outside use and damage done by county personnel. Is CCRP prepared for additional costs of maintenance when the loss of funds from our council that may be redirected to Coppermine occurs? Jeff believes other rec councils of similar size payout that amount as well. The county keeps the fields up to an expectation, if that expectation is not of what the rec council feels, that is not on the county. Alex made a comment that it would cost approximately \$40-\$50 extra per player for teams to utilize the turf fields at Coppermine for the season. Coppermine can help secure field space for teams, you just have to talk to them. A comment was made about the bathrooms being built at Cape Horn Park, that it was unnecessary but electric and lighting was more important, port-a-pots were just fine. Jeff said that we requested the project and the county funded it, which is not accurate. We would like to see the request on that project. Lots of concern, not meaning to attack Jeff but answers are wanted and unfortunately answers are never available.

IX. **Adjournment:** Move to adjourn meeting. Erin motion to adjourn, Heidi Seconds it. 9:43pm

Next Meeting:
12/11/2019
8:00pm
North Carroll Senior Center