

Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting May 21, 2013

The Smithfield Recreation Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at Smithfield Recreation Aquatics Center.

Members Present:	Richard Knight	Andy Moore
	Daniel Sanders	Earl Marrett
	Scott Wright	Robbie Parker
	Chris Howell	

Members Absent:	Jamie Stanley	Lyn Andrews
	Clayton Narron	Zack Parrish
	Angela Rabil	David Lasater

Staff Present:	Tim Johnson, Director
	Gary Johnson, Assistant Director
	Jon Moore, Athletic Programs Supervisor
	Dale Ham, SRAC Director
	Tiffany Pearson, Recreation Supervisor

Staff Absent:	Dennis Tyner, Maintenance Supervisor
	Laura Crumpler, Aquatics Supervisor
	Kristin Sasser, Recreation Center Supervisor

Tim welcomed everyone to the last meeting until the fall. (The committee does not meet in June, July and August.) During that time, however, Tim will try and send monthly reports to committee members. At this time, Tim passed out handouts of the March and April monthly reports for SRAC and SPRD. He also commended the staff for initiating new programs amid budget cuts. The staff has been looking at partnerships, etc. in order to keep costs down.

Tim noted that Town Council and Departments are currently in the middle of budget sessions. SRAC/P&R budgets have been cut 5-6%. Tim also added that the Farmers Market was not a part of the new budget, but that's not to say this is our last Farmers Market... it just doesn't require a big expenditure. A bigger budget item that hopefully will pass is a full time assistant aquatic supervisor. If successful, this gives us full time coverage in the pool (which is open 86 hours a week) 100% of the time, and eliminates using PT employees in the supervisory role. Laura, our Aquatics Director, is averaging 46-48 hours/week.

3 Little Pigs Triathlon – Mark your calendars for June 15th! Currently registrations are above where we were this time last year. **Reverse Raffle** – Mark your calendars for this too – October 10th. Tim informed the group that Friends of the Park turned over a check to the Town for debt service last month for \$67,500. (This was from our share of last year's Triathlon and the Reverse Raffle held in the fall.)

At this time Tim reviewed the Monthly Reports for March and April. Tim said that SRAC has turned over a lot of debt to Debt Set-Off. As of April, SRAC has collected over \$12,000 from delinquent accounts.

Recent Events:

Highlights in the past 2 months include hosting several Special Olympics and Senior Game events in March. Partnered with Central Johnston Rotary Club in applying for a trails grant to get more kids involved in fitness. 10 will be given out statewide. (It's a \$4,000 grant to add trash receptacles, benches along walking trails.) The Appearance Commission is also looking at doing something along these lines as well, possibly near the boat ramp.

Other recent events included hosting the Wallace Ashley, III Relay for Life Softball Tournament. This was the 5th year, in a tournament that had 16 baseball teams the first year, now has 44 softball teams. All proceeds go to Relay for Life. During March and April two other baseball tournaments were held, with another 52 teams. The BCBS Healthways Program has finally been instituted at SRAC, which allows BCBS members to get a discount / they can basically pay per visit.

Other recent events include opening of the Farmers Market at the new location, and hosting a Zumbathon to benefit Harbor House. Andy Moore asked what other things we do for Harbor – and Tim noted that their Board Meetings are held here, and the Grinch Run in December benefitted them. Also, their folks can come to the center for \$2/head. Earl added that there is a lot of benefit here, if people will take a look.

Upcoming Events:

At this time, Tim discussed a new partnership with Scott Wright as an individual contractor, in which Scott will provide a service to clients (those who need to make lifestyle changes based on their health). Scott noted that he will need physician referrals and support, but he would put patients on a plan, and that they would hopefully join SRAC as well. Scott said he thought this added a “clinical” component to SRAC that he believed was missing. To kick this off, there is a walk on Sunday with presentations on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. At the walk, Scott will be doing blood pressure monitoring to show the effects of exercise on blood pressure. Andy Moore asked about the possibility of working with overweight kids. Scott said that is one of his passions as well. Earl Marret said the United Way might help fund pertaining to kids with Type II diabetes, etc.

Gary Johnson said 40 baseball teams will come back one weekend to finish their tournament last weekend. Also, will be hosting the SJBA Invitational Tournament (with around 70 teams) as well as the District Tournament.

Dale Ham updated the group for Kristin Sasser. The last kids night had 84 kids. A new “Princess Tea” had 9 little girls who all had a great time. The coupon workshop last weekend had 17 participants. Kristin also looking into doing a Kinder Dance Class.

Dale noted that we hosted an AAU Tournament, as well as the Dropout Prevention 3 on 3 tournament, which had 18 MS teams and 19 HS teams. As mentioned earlier, the Triathlon is coming up and we are ahead of schedule with participants as of this date. On June 22, we are hosting a wrestling event to benefit childhood cancer. On June 29, we are hosting another AAU Tournament. Other events include a Basketball Clinic on Tuesday nights, and an Outdoor Basketball League which should begin next month.

Jon Moore said we have 20 F&F Softball teams playing, 7 baseball teams, 5 t-ball teams, and 2 softball teams. As of this date, all summer camps are set (10).

Tiffany Pearson said she had been involved in Senior Games, and also took a group of Seniors to Wilmington. She said there is a strawberry cookoff Friday at 11:30am at Cyber Café. Come sample some dishes, and then stop by the market and purchase some strawberries. Also, the Craft Fair is set for June 8th at the Community Park, from 9am-4pm. Also, the River Rats Running Club starts on 5/30.

All upcoming information can be found on Facebook – Smithfield/SRAC and at SRAConline.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Ashley