

The Ventnor City Recreation Board meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on September 12, 2023, at our recreational complex located at Surrey and Balfour Avenues.

Present: Diane Birkbeck, Paul Hydro, Mike Cahill, Jeff Moore, Joe Iannuzzelli, Rec Leader Diana Logue, Klaudia Advena Arrives at 6:32pm.

Motion was made by Paul Hydro and seconded by Mike Cahill to approve August 2023 minutes. All were in favor.

Public Portion

Pickleball: Patty Harrigan was present from VPAC to give their annual donation to the FMBA from the VPAC pickleball tournament. She also requests space in the VECC gym for indoor pickleball sessions. The sessions would run on Wednesdays starting in October -December from 5:00pm-8:00pm. After speaking with the Board and Rec Leader Logue they decided to approve the request and chose RecDesk as the means for registration. Ms. Logue will customize it for the indoor pickleball clinic if the school approves it and of course all paperwork is completed.

Questions arose about the closing date of the public bathrooms at the tennis/pickleball courts on the boardwalk. Ms. Logue said she will talk to Mr. Stinson, our PW director, about the date and let them know.

Diane Birkbeck asked about who purchased the sails at the courts. Patty H said that Funky Pickle purchased them, so Ms. Logue will address that.

Patty Harrigan stated that they purchased 6 awnings and donated them to the city for next year for the pickleball courts. They are 10ft wide and are affixed to the fences. Ms. Logue will need to figure out where to safely store them for next year.

David DelRe- Representative from the softball team formerly known as South Jersey Pride. They are retiring the name but want the same girls to continue to play. Requesting use of the softball fields for practice (no games) 2x a week possibly Tuesdays and Fridays after 7:00pm. There are 3-4 girls from Ventnor on the team. The Insurance they provided states Triple Crown Baseball Academy, yet he stated the name is getting modified. Ms. Logue will reach out to Mr. DelRe to confirm this. Mr. DelRe also offered to have a free youth program for a weekend similar to a big sister mentorship to the younger girls in the softball program. The Board approved his request and settled on a price of \$50.00 per week for the field and light usage.

John & Jody Doran – Ventnor residents that have a 5th grade daughter who plays basketball but there is no Girls 5 & 6th basketball traveling team in Ventnor. They, along with some other parents, would like to create and add a traveling team. They have the commitment of about 10 girls for the potential team. The Board does not see a problem with them going forward with this and is in favor of it. They would have to go through Cape Atlantic League Board and ask them for permission since it is run through them and not Ventnor. If the CAL Board approves it, then

the Rec Board thinks it is a wonderful idea and gives them our full support and appreciates parents stepping up to help with programs for the kids in Ventnor.

Director Report

Board had a visitor in the audience, Shannon Boyle, who just came to see what the Rec Board does.

Sports Camp Recap 2023: Roughly with salaries and expenses being paid out, etc. the profit for the season was \$12,565.50.

Beach Patrol: Held a junior lifeguard camp that was three weeks-amazing turnout

Marine Science- This was the first year the Camp was held in Ventnor (previously in Margate). The camp was extremely successful. So successful that Ms. Logue took the initiative and asked them for another week right after this program ended. Everyone was very excited about that. The 2024 camp dates are: 7/1-7/5 and 8/12-8/16 with a potential cost of \$425.00 per week. They provide all the supplies and accept kids K-8th grade. The camp will be at the Viking Boathouse as John Kelly, a member of the Boathouse, has given permission for it to be held there. It worked out great this year at that location.

Ventnor Pirates- Tom Mannering retired and Steve Bazner took over lining and maintenance of the fields. He will do a great job. Ventnor Recreation ordered for them new goal post pads and single player benches for a total cost of \$5,804.32.

COMPLAINT: Divots and wear and tear on the fields and water bottles left after practices.

Ms. Logue will remind the Pirates President to inform ALL teams to use the practice fields to (hence) PRACTICE on and save our fields for games. As well as they must take their trash with them as the coaches are responsible for their players' trash.

Concession Stand: The way the stand is left after the season (any sport that uses the stand) must be cleaned. It is every program's responsibility to DEEP clean the stand, so the next group starts out clean. The stand should be in the same condition you found it. They have been told if need be to hire a company to clean it if you don't want to do it yourself., this has been stated to all programs for past years.

Hutch basketball - Billy Nolan will talk to Andrew Miles (Margate Recreation) about the starting up of the program. More details to come.

Fall Ball- Organization leaders are Bob Langner and Joe Costello. The Minor field bases were unsafe, so Ventnor Recreation ordered a new set to replace them at a cost of \$317.00. It has been years since they were updated.

Adult Indoor Volleyball: Starts on 10/10 every Tuesday and Friday located at the Ventnor School. Will end in May 2024 and then the Summer Volleyball league will start.

The Paint Place: A new business in Margate reached out to Ms. Logue and Margate to see about getting an after-school program going with the kids. Ventnor is interested and has agreed to partake in it along with Margate. The cost is \$180 for 5 sessions starting the last week of September. All other details need to be ironed out. Ms. Logue will report back to the board once that happens.

Dan & Jess Mannella- Held a very successful soccer camp this summer. They will host another youth soccer camp in 2024. A second week has been added for the Summer of 2024 and the dates are locked in: 7/15-7/18/24 and 8/12-8/15/24. Open to all 5–15 yr. olds. They will also host free youth soccer clinics (open play) at the Ventnor School gyms potentially on Mondays starting in October from 4:00-5:00pm pending on Ventnor School approval.

Motion was made by Paul Hydro and seconded by Joe Iannuzzelli to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.