

PONCHATOULA AREA RECREATION DISTRICT #1
CHAIRMAN AND BOARD

The PARD # 1 held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 15, 2016. Rocquin called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Byers, Kennedy, Rocquin, Palmer

Absent: Fletcher

Visitors: Brad Matherne, Tisha Smith, Jacob Stevens,

Rocquin ask board to review minutes of July and August meetings. After reviewing the July 21, 2016 and August 18, 2016 regular meeting, Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Byers seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

After review of the financial, Eldrid made a motion to accept the financial review report prepared by Martin. Kennedy seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Rocquin requested the board begin the process of making a list of potential Capitol Projects for 2017 to be discusses at the next meeting. Preparation of next year's budget will begin in October and need to be finalized in December.

Smith presented the Athletics Coordinator Reports. Ponchatoula Youth Football held their first games Sept. 10th with flag football offered for ages 5-6. Thirty-three 5-6 years old registered for flag football with a total enrollment of 309. The Ponchatoula Youth Baseball registration closed with 183 participants. Ages 7-12 will begin playing games in October due to the low number of 13/14 year olds there will be no 13/14 ages division for this season. The Ponchatoula Youth Volleyball is being run by PARD due to no response from volunteers to form a volleyball board. Two age divisions for volleyball, 9-11 and 12-15 girls, each division will have 4 teams with games on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Volleyball will charge an admission fee and will have concessions. Changes for this season are new balls, new game rules and referees to officiate the games. Coaches meet and are happy with changes. The first game is Oct. 10 and the season will end Nov. 17 with championship games. Ponchatoula Basketball Association, formally Ponchatoula Youth Basketball registration is open until Oct. 31.

Smith discussed the out of district fee of \$25. charged to families who live outside the district who wish to participate in sports programs at PARD and handbook for all sports programs. Smith ask board to review and make suggestion for handbook and out of district fee. Smith will meet with sport commissions for impute and suggestions. The board will determine the amount of fee charged and all sports will have a flat fee for out of district participant. Fee will be initiated Jan. 1, 2017.

Mathern stated the Ponchatoula Jaycee's Softball Tournament from the spring was a success. Eighteen teams participated in tournament and raised \$3,600 for families in need at Christmas. Application for a family in need can be obtained from the Jaycee's. Local adults are looking for something to do and people in the community would like to organize an adult softball, slow pitch league. The league would plan Friday nights and play one or two times a month and in the fall, using 1-2 fields per night depending on the number of teams. Again in the spring come back with a Sunday league. The league would consist of 8-10 teams and would not interfere with baseball practice fields. Same policy will be maintained as adult Kick Ball with no alcohol and no smoking allowed. Board agreed to discuss the adult league and stated a fee would be charged for the use of fields and security.

Stevens discussed no kickball and no adult basketball leagues for the fall season. Football season is in play. Grass cutting, dirt and sand work on the baseball fields. Bedico field has been renovated with 70 ft. bases and portable mounds for the older youth player. Stevens discussed the pond going good, the fish feeder was flipped over and may be moved to deeper water. Rocquin suggested the possibility of a 2 seater pontoon boat to access to the pond.

Rocquin discussed need for speed limit signs. Board agreed that 15 miles per hour speed limit sign be posted at the entrance to the park. Budgetary items will be discuss at the next board meeting for the 2017 Budget.

Eldrid made a motion to adjourn. Rogers seconded the motion. There being no discussion, all board members present were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Ronnie Rocquin, Chairman

Charlotte Martin, Executive Secretary