

Winfield Recreation Council Minutes
08/28/06

Attendance:

President: Dave Taylor
VP: Gary Davis
Program Treasurer: Jean Shea
Dept of Rec & Parks: Bill Schaefer

Programs:

Baseball: Ed Garber
Basketball: Jean Shea
Equestrian: no representation
FB/CL: Jeff Jenkins, Buddy Brown
Lacrosse: Fred Wells
Soccer: Dan Knott, Kathleen McKeever
Softball: Glen Warholic, Ed Beane, Janet Davis
Square Dance: no representation
Wrestling: Steve Willingham

Guests:

Andrea Brandt – Century High School Boosters
Randy Pentz – Century High School A.D.

Meeting was called to order by the president, Dave Taylor.

Buddy Brown made note that the fence is now completed and was done so some time the middle of last week. Need to make a few modifications on location of gates. No cables will be installed in front of parking lot so that people can walk through. Need to move a post for cross country for the high school. Hopefully, it will suit its purpose and keep the fields from being “trashed.”

First order of business was the introductions of those in attendance to Andrea and Randy from Century High School. Andrea and Randy attended the meeting to discuss several projects Century was trying to get completed and they are looking for financial support from the surrounding communities. They are trying to build a relationship between Century, Winfield and Freedom. Century has never used self-help before.

Andrea and Randy presented three projects needing assistance. The first is to put a scoreboard in the auxiliary gym before winter. This scoreboard can be used by both basketball and wrestling. The Boosters will fund it, but are looking for donations from Winfield and Freedom. Cost would be between \$5,000-\$6,000. They are also adding the wiring so that the boards in the main gym can be split, thereby running independently so younger age groups can split the gym. That cost is an extra \$600-\$700. Jean said she would be willing to pitch in for the scoreboard from the basketball program. Jean also mentioned that they should check with Coke or Pepsi because they sometimes donate these types of items

to the schools. On a side note, Jean said she's looking for time at Century at night. South Carroll gives us time at 8:00 PM, but Century said that school teams practice until 9:00.

Wrestling said they have never used the scoreboards at either Century or South Carroll as they are too complicated.

The second project is for a "ball wall" outside the tennis courts at Century to be used by lacrosse, tennis and soccer. The cost of this wall is \$6780 and Century Boosters is looking for help on submitting for self-help money through the county.

The third project is for dugouts on the baseball field at Century.

Further down the road, Century will look into putting up dugouts for the softball field and then eventually working on the multi-purpose field so that it can be utilized.

Everyone agreed that the fields at Century need to be upgraded to make them better for the kids and communities using them. Dave said for Andrea and Randy to use Gary Davis as a resource from the Winfield Rec Council.

It was noted by Fred Wells that the Lacrosse program plugged, seeded and rolled the lower field at Century, but the high school coaches do not take care of the fields like our programs do, especially after we spend our own money to maintain them. How do we get them to take better care of the fields?

Secretary: No secretary in attendance – approval of last meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

WRC Treasurer: Treasurer not in attendance – The following information was given to the president via email. Softball owes BGE expenses, which were just emailed out to them today. Baseball is overdue on their \$300 fee plus \$2 per player registration fees. Football and Soccer both owe their \$300 plus the \$2 reg. fee.

Bill Schaffer: Self-help projects need to be into the office by September 5th, which is next week. Presentations will be on the 4th Wednesday of September (27th) at the County office.

If anyone needs a Certificate of Insurance, please let Bill know. Most of the programs already have a copy. Eddie brought up the issue of one of the softball teams playing in Baltimore County, and Bill said Balto. County was added to the binder.

Received permission from Facilities to do the electricity from the pole to the containers (football).

There were a few issues with the keys and fences/cables, but it has been taken care of. There were also problems with the spot-a-pot in the back getting cleaned out, but it also has been taken care of.

Soccer: Dan noted that soccer was in full swing. The Rec program was rolling along. Program has 330+ kids. Travel teams playing in tournaments last couple of weekends.

Kathleen had some questions with regard to permits on the fields. If you have a permit, what does it entail? Basically, Winfield Rec gets a permit, and the programs then have to decide who gets use of each area. Kathleen stated she was not on the emails where this information is shared and would like reminders closer to the date of the events. It was then discussed to possibly start a calendar on the Winfield Rec website. All programs seem to work together pretty well, but there needs to be better communication, sometimes just within a program itself.

Another issue on this topic was the renting of the pavilion, which is rented by the County. Don't assume because you have a permit for the fields that you have use of the pavilion. How do we know when it's rented? Bill tells Patty and Patty is responsible for communicating this information.

Jeff talked about keeping up with the minutes, because programs have their own board meetings and also the Rec Council meetings and sometimes when you're in full season it's hard to keep up. Suggested keeping your own calendar because he finds that helps him.

Dave will look into the cost of software for a calendar for the web. Glen suggested using a spreadsheet in the meantime. Jean suggested looking into RecWare or Safari. Glen was elected last year as coordinator for scheduling, but it never materialized.

Glen mentioned that he was looking to use some of the fields on Sundays when Football does not use their fields. Jeff said that football is scheduled to use the fields every Saturday, and that Sunday is their rain date for Saturday. They also have a few Fridays scheduled as well. Soccer said they use the field on Sundays at 6:00 PM, and that is their game field and games will be starting soon.

Baseball: Ed discussed a letter they received from Winfield Lions Club that the Lions Club was 90% sure they were not going to be able to let Baseball use the regular parking area because of building expansion. This is a huge problem for baseball because it would mean changing fields (move the 11-12 year olds to Mayeski and make their field a junior field so the 7-8's can play there, and then move the instructional group so that they can make a parking space). The problem with playing at Mayeski is that you can't use all three fields at once, thus making one or two of the fields inoperable.

An option would be to develop Century's multi-purpose field for use. Need to put a plan in motion before spring in case the Lions Club is correct and they won't have parking. They are permitted to use both the South Carroll and Century 90' fields, but by the time JV and varsity gets done with their practices, they can't get any "guaranteed" time for games. Men's baseball used SC, but it's never been determined how they ended up with permit time.

Another issue for Baseball is their vendor for uniforms. Athletic House quoted them \$16,000 for uniforms, but their invoice is \$24,000. Jeff mentioned that you can't blame the vendor when you continue to add to the order or make changes. This needs to be looked into. Ed said they don't have enough board members and when a few people are handling everything, they wear too many hats and information falls through the cracks. Whatever the outcome, Baseball needs to hold a fundraiser to come up with more money to pay the invoice. He sent Patty an email about two weeks ago looking for some time in the SC cafeteria to hold a basket bingo. Never heard from Patty – Dave with ask her and let Ed know.

Lacrosse: Fred needs to know what they need to do to open their own checking account. It was reported that they need to get approval from the Board, but enough members were not present to vote at this meeting. Fred will give the checks to Jean to deposit and then she can write him a check once they open their own account.

Tryouts for the boys will be on Sept. 10, 17 and 24. For girls it will be on Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and 15 on the back fields. Kathleen knows about this.

Don't forget the Cross Country will be using the park on Friday 9/22 from 3-7 PM and Thursday 10/26 from 4-7:30 PM.

Fred said for someone to just let him know when the money is due for the tractor.

Wrestling: Steve said registrations will be next month and they start their season in November. They need to request to use wrestling room at Century. For Liberty, need to go through Patty.

There was a discussion about the wrestling room at SC not being fit to use due to fungus/mold. Has anybody heard anything further on this, as Steve doesn't want it to surface just in time for scheduling? As for ringworm, Steve said most kids will get it so that's nothing new.

Football/Cheer: Started games on Saturday – season is up and running! Thanked everyone who had a part in getting the fence completed and hopes that it will make a big difference in keeping the fields from being trashed. There will be a key in the concession stand for anyone who might need access to the gates to the fence.

One of their volunteers was able to secure two new soda coolers for the program. Lots of positives to start the season. More kids than last year – over

500. Added an extra team and an extra cheer team. Goals posts are in on the top field. Had a bunch of kids cleaning up rocks off the top fields as well.

Everything is running well – fundraising moving along, but unless they pick up an extra fundraiser, they won't be as "fat" this year as previous years.

On a less positive note, they had some vandalism involving two bikers on two separate occasions. A trooper was called in on the first incident, and unless the parents don't step in on the second one, a trooper will be called for that one as well. They also had a break-in on their container and someone stole their generator. They've rented one to accommodate power, and it may be that this one will get donated to them. Was noted that the SC Swim Club also had a break-in.

Looking into getting power run from the pole to the containers. An electrician in their program will do all the work for free, just need to get products. Looking for volunteers in the program to perhaps get most of it donated. This power will help with lights in the containers, scoreboards and perhaps motion lights. As noted above, County has approved the electrician to do the work and he will adhere to specifications of the County.

Season runs until the end of November, mostly on Saturdays from 9 AM to 7 or 8 PM.

Buddy said ChemLawn is working on the football fields and has given him a quote of \$2900 to do all of the fields. This includes liquid fertilizer and weed killer. Freedom and Deerpark have used self-help money for this in the past.

A discussion was brought up about a policy or regulations about stopping play for excessive heat. Are there any county policies in place? Bill said none that he knows about, but he will check with Risk Management and then CARC. Jean said Howard County has a policy that is also the same policy the high schools follow that if the heat index reaches 105°, play is suspended. Jeff said they have put a policy into place for Football when there is excessive heat they will practice one day on, one day off, and will not use helmets, pads or pants, with a break every 15 minutes for water.

Jeff also discussed the policy about lightening. Gary sent him a copy of the policy from the National Weather Assoc., which is the same one used by the high schools. Jeff sent it to every coach and it was given to every parent. When you see lightening or hear thunder, you must leave the fields and go to your vehicle for 30 minutes -- do not stay under the pavilion.

Softball: Glen noted we had tryouts for next season. Talked about using fields on Sundays for fall ball – will work with football and soccer on availability.

Basketball: Permits are in – waiting for them to come back.

Square Dance: No report, no representation.

New Business: Motion to approve putting through self-help for Century projects – approved and seconded. Child fell off playground this evening and broke both arms.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting 9/25/06 at 7pm at South Carroll Media Center