

The Richlands Recreation Commission held a regular meeting at the Richlands Recreation Park on November 19th, 2018 at 7:30PM with the following present:

Recreation Department: Fred Phillips, Jessica Reynolds

Other Attendees:

Richlands Town Council Members: Mary Ann Strong

Recreation Commission Members: Craig Earls, Jeff Hurst, Ronnie Cordle, LaRhonda Lindsey, Joe McCall, Frances Meadows, Tony Cordle

Ronnie Cordle opened the Richlands Recreation Commission meeting and welcomed everyone to the November Meeting.

Public Comments:

Girls Travel Basketball League at Recreation Park

Ashley Fuller: We want to propose an idea for travel basketball here in Richlands. The Rec Park has been great to work with us for practice. We want to start an interleague basketball program and to play on Sunday's. We would like to work with Lebanon, Twin Valley, Grundy and we are currently working with Princeton. We would charge \$100 per team and charge a gate fee. \$5 adult/\$3 child etc. We are willing to staff the gate and the profit we would split. If you had concession you could do really well.

Tony Cordle: One question we have is will this affect our basketball league that we have here every year? Does your teams plan on playing in the Richlands league.

Ashley Fuller: As a team we have not discussed it. Our goal is not to take away from the league.

Joe McCall: Will these girls play in the local league I think is what we are asking.

Ashely Fuller: I don't want say yes or no, I can't speak for other parents. I feel like we do support the Richlands and our goal is to not pull from the league.

Lisa Cordle: Our goal is to get the most girls we can get involved.

Craig Earls: Tony, will this impact cornhole times?

Tony Cordle: No, this will not impact cornhole, we will play that afterwards.

Ashely Fuller: I can't speak for other parents but I think the plan is for most to play.

Tony Cordle: I think maybe it should be in December so that it doesn't overlap

Ashely Fuller: We thought about that, but we are in a time situation now.

Ronnie Cordle: What are you doing with practice since league will take a lot of time?

Ashely Fuller: We are using a church gym for practices.

Ronnie Cordle: My first impression of it is that this travel ball will reduce the players in the Richlands league. I am in the same situation and my daughter would like to play travel. I would like her to play Rec League and then play travel afterwards. When you have something like this it tends to take it away.

Jeff Hurst: I have done this for a while and I thought about doing a local Rec League and a RYBL travel league. Some kids just want to play rec league and some want to play in more competitive league. In soccer we offer the opportunity to play both. The thing that is hard is when you start a team like this and you have some that are left out and they get upset etc.

Joe McCall: I love the idea of teams coming here to play.

Lisa Cordle: This could be a trial to see how it goes and see if we can do it again next year.

Tom Cordle: They are showcase tournaments to get girls looked at for college.

Tony Cordle: Are you going to make any money?

Lisa Cordle: We are charging \$100 to commit the team, and charge at the gate for refs etc. We want to split ½ the money with the rec park.

Ronnie Cordle: Is it only 4th/5th?

Lisa Cordle: Yes, we planned to do it for 4th and 5th girls. We can add boys if we want as well. We want to bring people here. It will be good to bring money in.

Joe McCall: Our concern is that we have the league and it will take away from teams here.

Ronnie Cordle: What do you think Fred?

Fred Phillips: I think we need to vote. My concern is that it will take away from the local league. I don't think you need insurance. I have someone I know in Lebanon that could take of the referees for you guys if you need help.

Lisa Cordle: We may need some help.

Fred Phillips: Another concern is that it will take up the court time and we need to keep it simple I think if we do it. When do you need to know?

Ashley Fuller: As soon as possible.

Old Business:

October Meeting Minutes Approval

Does anyone have any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes? Jeff Hurst made a motion to approve the October minutes. Tony Cordle seconded the motion. No further comments, motion carries 7/0.

New Business:

Interleague Basketball Discussion

Jeff Hurst: The big issue I see is that court time for others and taking away from the league.

Fred Phillips: We are usually not that busy during that time on Sundays.

Ronnie Cordle: No doubt there is a need for this.

LaRhonda Lindsey: My issue is that it is going on during January during league time.

Jeff Hurst: They are basically wanting to start a new league.

Tony Cordle: We always want to bring in money for the Rec Park and this is a good opportunity. The Rec Park doesn't have to do anything. We have a great facility and think it is a good idea and opportunity.

Jeff Hurst: The Rec Park will have to do a lot for this. They will need to bring in extra staff and things to make sure everyone is taken care of.

Fred Phillips: There are a lot of issues and refs sometimes can't control the crowd.

Jeff Hurst: I think we need to think through this to make sure it is the right decision.

Jessica Reynolds: I have three others like Twin Valley that would like to have tournaments here. What do we tell them?

Fred Phillips: They want this to be a league. I doubt they will play rec league though.

Tony Cordle: IF we vote no, they will probably just leave and go play other places.

Jeff Hurst: I am concerned that it is bigger than they think.

Jessica Reynolds: I am just concerned that the gym will be tied up every Sunday.

Ronnie Cordle: We could have a subcommittee under Jeff and run it through RYBL. You should be able to book weekends for tournaments, but when league is going on we can't do that. I think it needs to be looked at deeper.

Jeff Hurst: We may need to do it over a few meetings.

LaRhonda Lindsey: RYBL cannot do a travel league this year, just not enough time.

Mary Ann Strong: We need to make sure to set up rules and the commission needs to have their back.

LaRhonda Lindsey: They want 5 weekends is that going to be too much?

Jessica Reynolds: The Fuller lady also wanted to do a tournament for a fund raiser. We also have a request for Volleyball in January.

Craig Earls: My only issue is that we have set a precedence for leagues etc. As long as we are good with setting that precedence it should be fine.

Mary Ann Strong: My recommendation is to vote.

Jeff Hurst: We are going to have to understand what their league is and to show us what teams they have and the rules. We may need them to talk about expectations etc.

Joe McCall: How the league is formed, we need to know.

Mary Ann Strong: Will we meet with them next month?

Tony Cordle: Yes, we give them time to get teams and to get it organized.

Tony Cordle: Motion on the floor to give Ashely Fuller, Tom Cordle and Lisa Cordle the ok to proceed to give us the league rules, teams, and expectations and to get it organized for next month's meeting.

LaRhonda Lindsey seconded the motion. Ronnie Cordle: Any further discussion on the matter? No further discussion, motion carries 7/0.

Middle School Basketball Tournament Update – Fred Phillips

Fred Phillips: We had 4 teams for girls and 4 teams for boys on the Middle School tournament. Jeff Hurst got sponsors to pay for the t-shirts and referees. We didn't hear one 1 negative thing about the tournament and it was a great effort by all. It also brought in about \$2000. With all the donations, and we only spent about \$200 on concessions, so we made really well. All the big items were donated.

Jeff Hurst: Did we actually make money after paying everyone?

Fred Phillips: We had 6 staff here most of the time and they were really busy.

Jeff Hurst: When we have other people that want to run tournaments we need to take that into account. It would be interesting to see if we made money after paying for the staff.

Tiles Fundraiser:

Ronnie Cordle: I have had people ask me about it being tax deductible? We will need to update the form to show that it is tax deductible.

Nomination/Selection of Outstanding Community Volunteer, Youth/Rec Leader

Ronnie Cordle: I would like to move ahead and take nominations for the new Outstanding Community Volunteer/Youth Rec Leader award.

Fred Phillips: Can I nominate someone? Larry Meadows, I would like to nominate him. He has put in so many hours for baseball and coached a lot of kids over the years.

Tony Cordle: I nominate Jeff Hurst for everything he does for the rec park and youth sports.

Jeff Hurst: Nikki Crigger, she does an outstanding job with the cheer teams.

Craig Earls: I would like to nominate Jeff Hurst as well. He always goes above and beyond.

The commission voted and Jeff Hurst is our first Outstanding Community Volunteer award recipient.

No further comments.

Next meeting – December 17th 7:30 PM at the Richlands Recreation Park

Ronnie Cordle - Adjourned meeting.