

BEAUFORT COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Buckwalter Recreation Center
Thursday, July 11, 2024
2:30 PM

Board Members Present:

Bruce Yeager, *Chair, Southern Beaufort County*
Phil Kiser, *Southern Beaufort County*
Alan Arseneau, *Southern Beaufort County*
Jonne Hayes Sr., *Northern Beaufort County (via phone)*
Carlos Cave, *School District Administration ex-officio*
Ron Campbell, *Northern Beaufort County*

Board Members Absent:

Mark Rennix, *Northern Beaufort County*

Staff Members Present:

Bob Rozek, *Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*
Jeremy Way, *Marketing Coordinator, Parks and Recreation*
Shane Stager, *Assistant Athletics Manager, Parks and Recreation*
Darrell Ketola, *Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*
Scott Schnee, *Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*
Alexander Hunt, *Athletics Manager, Parks and Recreation*
Brandon Whitener, *Assistant Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*
Brock Vaughn, *Athletics Supervisor, Parks and Recreation*
Jack Fripp, *Grounds Maintenance Superintendent, Parks and Recreation*
Vedah Reynolds, *Program Supervisor*
Heather Clint, *Administrative Manager, Parks and Recreation*
Antoinette Binette, *Aquatics Manager, Parks and Recreation*
Marisa Freeman, *Program Manager, Parks and Recreation*
Eric Brown, *Parks and Recreation Director*
Dale Butts, *Deputy County Administrator*
Gavin Jones, *Facilities Parks and Recreation*
Evan Christian, *Athletics Manager, Parks and Recreation*

Guests Present:

Mib Scoggins, *USTA Tennis*

Deborah Andreoni, *USTA Tennis*

Jim Lewis, *Soar / Special Olympics*

Charlotte Lewis, *Soar / Special Olympics*

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by **Bruce Yeager**.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were completed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bruce Yeager asks for approval of the agenda. A motion was made to be approved. **Motion passed.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES

Bruce Yeager asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May minutes. A motion was made and seconded. **Motion passed.**

Requests: Waiver of Rental Fees

Jim Lewis with SOAR / Special Olympics asked the Board to waive the fee for them to use the Shell Point Park. They would like to use the park one day a week for 8 or 9 weeks. They would like to start a program to teach the DDSN participants to learn the game of Bocce. They have all the equipment including the courts. The athletes would also have an opportunity to travel to Myrtle Beach for the Special Olympics State Championships. **Bruce Yeager** asked what DDSN stood for. Jim Lewis told him it was the Department of Social Services. He also stated that it was like the pickleball that they had just completed. A motion was made and seconded. **Motion passed.**

Mib Scoggins and Deborah Andreoni came before the Board to have the fees waved for the use of 3 tennis courts for a total of 4 times. They were representing the senior citizens that wanted to play in the USTA program. **Bruce Yeager** asked what the cost of the times needed would cost. **Heather Clint** told him, for the 4 times with 3 courts being used for a total of 2 hours per match would be \$600.00. **Bruce Yeager** stated that we do not wave fees for a situation such as this. We have very reasonable fees; we need to have user fees as a county. Approving this would set a precedent for others just to come and have their fees waived.

Bruce Yeager mentioned a partial waiver. The board talked about the amount of the partial waiver, and it was agreed to 50%. A motion was made to give them a 50% waiver at this time. The motion was seconded. **The motion passed.**

DEPARTMENT REPORT

- **Registration numbers / World Series**
 - **Summer Sports 2024**
 - Beaufort Youth
 - Basketball: 143 (-3) registration closed
 - Beaufort Adult
 - Baseball 71 (-12) registration closed
 - Softball 147 (-5) registration closed

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- Bluffton Youth
 - Basketball 486 (29) registration closed

Fall Sports 2024

- Beaufort Youth
 - Baseball 76 (-120) registration 6/1 – 7/26
 - Softball 39 (-39) registration 6/1 – 7/26
 - Flag Football 30 (-70) registration 6/1 – 7/26
 - Soccer 173 (-297) registration 6/1 – 7/26
 - Cheer 21 (-23) registration 6/1 – 7/26
- Beaufort Adult
 - Kickball 57 registration closed
- Bluffton Youth
 - Baseball 105 (-230) registration 6/1 – 7/26
 - Softball 53 (-113) registration 6/1 – 7/26
 - Flag Football 101 (-183) registration 6/1 – 7/26
 - Soccer 324 (-649) registration 6/1 – 7/26
 - Cheer 28 (-20) registration 6/1 – 7/26
- Bluffton Adult
 - Kickball (Coed) 76 (-24) registration closed
 - Volleyball (Outdoor) 41 (+20) registration closed

○ **UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:**

- Dixie Boys and Jr. Boys World Series
 - July 26 – 31
 - 24 Teams
 - Burton Wells
- Summer Camp Update:
 - Solid growth in internal camp registration
 - 2023 - 225 camp registrations
 - 2024 - 400 camp registrations
 - Additional Camps
 - Challenger Soccer (Beaufort /Bluffton)
 - Tennis (Beaufort)
 - Lacrosse (Beaufort / Bluffton)
 - 2024 Locations
 - Bluffton Center (South), Burton Wells (North), Scott (Islands)
 - Broomfield camps canceled
 - Additional session added for Scott
- Senior Program Update
 - Centers
 - Bluffton Center
 - Booker T Washington
 - Burton Wells Center
 - Dale Center
 - Lind Brown Center

- Port Royal Center
- Scott Center
- St. Helena Center
 - Average Daily Attendance per Center: 20-25

The seniors received a 36-passenger bus for all the centers to use. It also has wheelchair accessibility.

- **Aquatics**

- **Battery Creek:**

- Pool Hours:
 - Monday – Friday: 8am – 1pm / 2pm – 7pm
 - Saturday – 8am – 1pm (Lap Swim)
 - First Saturday of the month: Inflatables 11am – 4:30pm
 - Programs:
 - Deep Water Aerobics: Monday and Friday 11:30am – 12:30pm
 - Fins: Monday – Friday: 5pm – 7pm
 - Scuba: Contact Instructor: Ken McCracken
 - Patron Check In:
 - May: 369
 - June: 891

- **Beaufort Pool:**

- Pool Hours:
 - Monday – Friday: 8:00AM - 1:00PM / 2:00PM - 7:00PM
 - Saturday:
 - Lap swim 8am – 1pm
 - 1st Saturday of the month: Inflatables 11am – 4:30pm
 - Programs
 - Water Aerobics: Monday and Friday 10:00AM – 11:15AM
 - Patron Check In:
 - May: 1543
 - June: 631

- **Bluffton Pool:**

- Pool Hours:
 - Pool will close on June 3, 2024 – February 2025
 - Patron Check In:
 - May: 1418
 - June: closed

- **Alvin Settles Pool:**
 - Pool Hours:
 - Tuesday-Friday: 11am – 7pm
 - Sundays: 1pm – 7pm
 - Mondays: CLOSED
 - Open on Summer Holidays
 - Patron Check in:
 - May: 448
 - June: 3040

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Eric Brown stated that we are in the process of hiring a Deputy Director. He also stated that he would like to give each Board Member a copy of our “RISE” motto that we are following at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Yeager stated that the next meeting is September 5, 2024. We still have an opening on the Board. We are still looking to get someone on board from the military side as well.

ADJOURN

There is a motion to adjourn. The motion is seconded. The meeting is adjourned.