

Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes from Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission for Tuesday, March 4, 2008 to order at 7:00pm. Members present were Gene Burt, Carmen Daniels, K.T. Russell and Parks and Recreation Director Greg Karle. Also present were Debbie Stahlgren and Sharon Brooks representing the Springdale Sailfish Swim Team

Minutes from the February 2008 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Debbie Stahlgren and Sharon Brooks were in attendance representing the Springdale Sailfish Swim Team and the propose Heart 2 Heart “Ladies Night In” fundraiser. It was explained that this fundraiser would be in conjunction with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati Strong Kids Campaign. The Sailfish would receive 15% of the net profit or approximately \$1000. The event will for a fee of \$35.00 provide ladies with an evening of pampering where they will receive one spa treatment (massage, mineral makeover, mini manicure etc.) and go shopping at 20 boutique vendors on site. There will be door prizes and each guest will receive a drink ticket and may indulge in a chocolate fondue bar. A radio station will provide music for the event.

The proposed event will be Thursday, April 17th at 6:30pm. Mr. Karle noted that there will be minimal setup required and no disruption to normal activities at the community center. Mrs. Stahlgren said they would supply volunteers to assist, but the up front expense costs would be borne by the YMCA. It was also pointed out that this event could provide excellent public relations and exposure to the swim team, the Parks and Recreation Department and the City. The Recreation Commission voted unanimously to approved the Heart 2 Heart “A Ladies Night In”.

- Mr. Karle read a letter of support from the Swim Team Board indorsing the nomination of Jan Daggett to the Youth Sports Memorial. Mrs. Stahlgren and Mrs. Brooks explained that Mrs. Daggett was a tireless volunteer “Lane Slip Grandma” for many years. It was explained that Mayor Webster had suggested her inclusion but wanted to confirm that the criteria applied in her situation. Mr. Karle read from the Recreation commission minutes of January 1999 “this individual must be deceased and have extraordinarily contributed to the youth sports programs in coaching, officiating or support capacities.” The Recreation Commission voted unanimously to induct Jan Daggett into the Youth Sport Memorial.

Mayor Webster noted that Jerry Cannon had recently passed away and that he would like to enter his name in nomination to the Youth Sports Memorial. Mr. Cannon served as a youth sports coach for his children’s teams in baseball and softball. The Recreation Commission voted unanimously to induct Jerry Cannon into the Youth Sport Memorial.

- Mr. Karle updated the commission on the sport programs. Basketball season is finished and the Springdale teams had a great season in the win/loss area. There were two boy’s teams who finished in 1st place undefeated, two teams in 2nd place and one in 3rd place.

The four girls teams had a combined record of 35-4 with two teams in 1st place with an undefeated record and two teams in second place.

The youth volleyball teams will complete their seasons the coming weekend.

Spring sports teams are close to being finalized, the current numbers are six soccer teams, five baseball teams, three T-ball teams and two softball teams with a total participation of one hundred eighty-five to date.

Registration is underway for the Mixed Couples Softball League and the Men's Golf League.

Dodgeball will be offered for adults on March 16th and 30th, 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Registration is not required for this free activity. Staff will be on hand to explain the rules and organize teams.

Mrs. Emerson requested that the Recreation Commission consider changing the criteria for the selection of returning coaches. Mr. Karle said the existing criteria has been in place for over 25 years and explained the criteria from his recollection. Mrs. Russell said she would have a concern with some of the criteria as stated. Mayor Webster requested that the criteria for the selection of returning coaches be on the agenda for the April meeting.

- The big event for the seniors in February was a Night on the Red Carpet. Over sixty people enjoyed a dinner, trivia games and a fashion show using volunteers models from their membership.

The March/April edition of the Inside Scoop was distributed. Mr. Karle explained that this edition was mailed to adult and senior members of the community center. There is a wealth of activities and events that appeal to a broad demographic of adult and seniors. A few of the highlights noted were Adult Night at the Rec., Italian Night, What's Cooking, Zumba, and Get up and Go Boot Camp.

Following up April 26th will be Italian Night with wine tasting, an Italian buffet and classic guitar entertainment. Child care will be available.

Mr. Karle also highlighted several new programs geared to the adult members including Zumba, Get Up and Go Boot Camp, Cardio Dance Fusion and What's Cooking (healthy cooking class).

- A teen dance was held on February 15th attended by approximately sixty youth. There were no problems to report. The STAFF group will be assisting the Lion's Club busing tables at their annual pancake breakfast.

- At the February Parks and Recreation Commission meeting changes were approved to the room rental and after hour gym rental policy. Mr. Karle distributed a copy of the Facility Rental Information for their review. It was suggested by Mayor Webster that the membership requirement for rentals be waived in the case of a post-funeral reception. All agreed on the change.

Items of **New Business** were:

- The following dates of interest were noted:
 - a) Teen Night – March 14th
 - b) Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – March 15th, 8am – noon
 - c) Springdale’s Gone Wild “Amphibians All Around”, March 20th
 - d) Greater Springdale Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt – March 22nd, noon, Ross Park
 - e) Easter Sunday – Closed
 - f) Third Grade Health Fair – April 3rd