

**CAMPBELL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

October 11, 2011

**Members Present:**

Roger Akers, Eve Rynard, Viki Mattox, Keith Jackson, Clyde Dixon, and Everette Younger

**Staff Present:**

Mary Pascale, Sherry Harding, Beth Worth and Rhonda Morgan

**Call to order:**

Mr. Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the September 13, 2011 were read and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Youth and Adult Sports:**

Mrs. Pascale reported youth soccer has had a good season and is about half-way through the session. Dixie Softball will be finishing at the end of October. Youth Basketball registration will start October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Office during regular office hours. The Brookville Basketball League (a private association partner) registration is October 16, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Brookville Middle School gym. Rustburg Karate is going well with changes in the schedule; the schedule changed from two days a week to one day a week since the instructor has changed jobs. If anyone is interested in the class, they may contact Mary to get the information about the new schedule. Wrestling is being held on Sunday afternoons at Rustburg High School with Mr. Reynolds.

**Youth and Adult Cultural Arts:**

Mrs. Worth reported the Yoga class has six students in the first class and seven students in the second class that meets on Monday nights. The Twinkle Toes dance program began last night. The Spooky Sweets Treat class will be held on Thursday evening as will the One-Stroke painting class.

Young Rembrandts Day Camp is scheduled to be held this Saturday. Registration deadline is Thursday. This is a half-day camp, geared for children ages 6-10. As of today, there is only one paid participant. In order for the program to be self-supporting, there needs to be at least five, so unless additional registrations are submitted, this program may be postponed until spring. The Empty Bowls program begins later this month. Last year, there were over 50 participants who made bowls to support the event and it is hoped to exceed that number this year. All proceeds raised benefit the Campbell County Rural Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) food pantry. Wilton Cake Decorating will begin in November.

New programs for spring: Stuart has successfully contacted a Zumba/Pilates instructor and is working with her to secure dates for future programs. There are plans to offer the following classes: Basic Drawing and Watercolor, Beginning Digital Photography, General Cooking and Sewing classes for Children, as well as other fine art painting classes, dance and yoga.

**Special Events:**

The VYBE (Virginia Youth Band & Ensemble) Concert will take place on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Brookville High School at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Relations:**

The Campbell County Chronicle will be available online (upon approval from the Leadership Team). If approved, the document may launch in mid-November.

The County Guide is up for reprinting in 2012, and memos will be distributed to all department heads, constitutional officers and contributing parties on November 7<sup>th</sup>. (We typically wait until after Election Day to start the updates).

**Senior Adult Programs:**

All is well at the senior centers. New employee Marilyn Bryant has become comfortable with the seniors and with staff.

Staff has completed most of the special events for 2011 and are now working towards enjoying the holidays with the seniors

On Saturday October 15, at 2:00 p.m. at Rustburg High School Auditorium local seniors will present the Comedy Café. This event will be presenting four short plays featuring seniors from Altavista, Concord, Gladys, Long Island, Rustburg and Timberlake Centers. Tickets are still available for \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door. This is the year end fund raiser for the senior centers.

**Trips:**

Yellowstone National Park Tour is scheduled for August 5-12, 2012

2012 Centennial—Celebrating the gift of trees—**Cherry Blossoms**—April 13-15, 2012. A final deposit date has been set for October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks and Facilities:****Abbott Duncan:**

The Dixie Softball League is almost finished for the season.

**Community Park:**

Youth Football team still playing.

**Countywide Park-**

No updates.

**English Park:**

The construction at the park is not yet finished so the park is still not open to the public. Gravel has been laid all the way to the railroad trestle. The entrance way road work should be completed by the end of October 2011. The cost of the fencing and road cover was less than expected.

**Long Island Park:**

The park is still being used by campers and fishers. A permit is needed to fish after hours and to overnight camp.

**Long Mountain Park:**

The grass has been planted on the fields and is looking good. Mary Pascale received a grant from Wells Fargo for \$1000.00 which she plans to use to help buy trees for planting at the property.

**Timbrook Park:**

The fields at the park are being used by several organizations. Brookville Comets Youth football association is using the park for their Saturday games. The Human Society used the fields for the 5-K Run for Save-A-Stray on October 8, 2011.

**DCR-federal grant** will be coming up again in December.

**Facility-**Concord area drain line difficulty again, added more dirt. Concession stand is going well.

**Updated information on Program Manager II-Athletics:**

The Board of Supervisors changed the hiring freeze from 180 days to 90 days, allowing the Program Manager II for Athletics to be advertised. Hopefully, the candidate will be in place by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Budget:**

If there is anything you would like the department to look at for inclusion in the budget, please let Mary know right away. Priorities and Initiatives are due in December.

**Matters by Council Members:**

A council member asked for an explanation of the Department's policies for permitting vendors/exhibits at events. Mrs. Harding conveyed that the Department has a standard set of policies which apply to all events that cover basic practices (no offensive materials, no political displays, etc.) Individual, committee-led events can add their own criteria over and above these policies for their respective activities. Mrs. Harding asked staff to provide the council member with copies of the established criteria which is distributed to the public in registration packets or upon request.

**Matters by Directors:**

The department wishes to express sincere condolences to the family of Betty Yates, who passed away this past week. Ms. Yates was the secretary for senior programs in years past.

Mr. Dixon adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.