

Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2014

Members Present:

Loren Anthony, Chairman
Russ McCaig
Miles Harvey
Doug Bell
Anthony Heilman

Members Absent:

Reg Wiebe (Excused)
Kenny Eaton (Excused)
Kevin Jacobs (Excused)

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart
Don Argo

Others:

Bill Young

Chairman Loren Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The Minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Kevin Wishart reported that the City Commission had approved an ordinance prohibiting smoking at all youth activities. The ordinance allows smoking in the parking lots only and applies only to El Dorado Recreation activities.

Kevin Wishart presented a proposal to add two small ball fields at RIO Park. The ball fields would be placed on the west side of the facility where the seldom used BMX track is located. These fields would allow additional practice space for softball, t-ball and machine pitch teams. The board unanimously approved this plan.

Kevin Wishart reported that fall program coaches meetings would be held on September 2nd and 3rd. As of this date, there is a shortage of seven soccer coaches, two volleyball coaches and three flag football coaches. Kevin reported that it is increasingly difficult to find coaches for youth activities. Each season this challenge becomes more difficult and city staff is forced to coach more teams. The board was asked to consider ways to attract coaches.

There were no new business items discussed by the board.

Staff had no additional items for discussion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm.