

**RECREATION AND PARKS BOARD  
OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
Meeting of Thursday, June 3, 2010  
MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Buckler, Vice-Chairperson; Sabrina Hecht, Robert Hicks, Julie Lemmon and David Phalen.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patrick Dugan, Al Harrison, Tom Nelson and Lisa Rush.

**RECREATION AND PARKS STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:** Phil Rollins, Director; Arthur Shepherd, Recreation Division Manager; Gary Reed, Gymnastics Program Coordinator; and Kathy Bailey, Recorder. Jennifer Gregg, USTA/Maryland attended to present a ceremonial check to the R&P Board and staff. Gymnastics Competitive Team participants and parents also attended for recognition of a successful meet season.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board meeting was called to order by Richard Buckler, Vice-Chairperson, at 5:35 p.m., in the Chesapeake Building.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**David Phalen moved, seconded by Julie Lemmon, to approve the minutes of May 6, 2010; motion carried 5-0.**

### **PRESENTATION OF USTA MID-ATLANTIC MD AWARD**

Director Phil Rollins introduced and thanked Ms. Jennifer Gregg, of the United States Tennis Association - Maryland Chapter, to the Board. Ms. Gregg presented a ceremonial check in the amount of \$5,000 to the Board on behalf of the Dorsey Park Tennis Court Lighting project, which was recently completed. To date, the County has received \$22,500 from the USTA Maryland Chapter for improvements to tennis facilities throughout the County.

### **PARK POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Mr. Rollins referred to the revised draft Lightning and Extreme Heat guidelines which were recently emailed to members. The guidelines were updated to be consistent with the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference policy on Thunder and Lightning and the Recreation Division's youth camp programs. The guidelines take into account the Heat Index, which is a measure of how hot it really feels when relative humidity is added to the actual air temperature.

**Robert Hicks moved, seconded by Sabrina Hecht, to endorse both the Thunder and Lightning and Extreme Heat guidelines as drafted by staff; the motion carried 5-0.**

### **PROJECT UPDATES**

Three Notch Trail Phase V – Mr. Rollins reported that sealed bids were opened today

for the Three Notch Trail Phase V construction project. County and State staff will evaluate the bids and anticipate making an award in the near future. The project should be under construction later this summer. This phase runs from John V. Baggett Park at Laurel Grove to MD Route 5 in Mechanicsville. A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the project is planned for Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at Baggett Park.

Carver Heights Community Park – The BOCC and R&P will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at the Carver Heights Community Park on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Board will tour the Carver Recreation Center and Afterschool Program at 4:00 pm and hold the ribbon cutting at about 4:20 pm.

Charlotte Hall Athletic Fields – Staff anticipates final plan approvals in the next few weeks. A lease agreement with St. Mary's County Public Schools will also need to be executed for the project.

## **RECREATION DIVISION REPORT**

Arthur Shepherd provided an update on Recreation Division programs and events.

- Great Mills Pool - The pool had 323 visitors on Memorial Day; this was the largest crowd for this holiday since the pool opened.
- Summerstock Musical "Cinderella" – 65 youth have been cast in the upcoming performance. Show dates are July 23-25 and July 29 - August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The annual Scott Verbic Memorial Golf tournament team roster is now full. The tournament will be held on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer Camp Registration – R&P summer camp registration is now open. An 11% increase in summer camp registration was noted over the same time last year.
- The New Horizons Camp for children with disabilities will operate at Banneker Elementary School this summer; Camp Inspire for children with Autism will be held at Green Holly Elementary School this summer and will operate for 4 weeks.
- Sports Camps – 810 slots are available this year for various sports camps. Enrollment is at the same level as this time last year.
- Football – Plans for the 2010 fall football season are moving forward. Staff met with the Board of Directors recently and another meeting is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>. Guidelines and playing rules will be discussed and adopted.

## **ST. MARY'S GYMNASTICS CENTER RECOGNITION FOR 2010 MEET SEASON**

Mr. Rollins introduced Gary Reed, Gymnastics Program Coordinator, to the Board. Mr. Reed stated that the Recreation section of the St. Mary's Gymnastics Center had 2,361 participants in classes this year. This is up by about 200 over last year.

The Competitive Team competes all over the US and has six levels, including the Mason Dixon League. The Department and Gymnastics Center recognized participants of the competitive team for their achievements this year. Participants recognized were:

### **Level 4**

- Jada Curtis – Vault 8<sup>th</sup> place; Floor 5<sup>th</sup>; Best All Around 11<sup>th</sup>

- Ashley Gorman – Beam 1<sup>st</sup> place; Floor 3<sup>rd</sup>; Best All Around 5<sup>th</sup>
- Shayla Gorman – Vault 9<sup>th</sup>; Floor 9<sup>th</sup>; Beam 8<sup>th</sup>
- Sophie Michaels – Beam 7<sup>th</sup>; Floor 7<sup>th</sup>; Best All Around 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Level 5

- Emma Combs – Best All Around 10<sup>th</sup> Place
- Madison Forrest – Beam 5<sup>th</sup>; Best All Around 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Level 6

- Nicole Amato – Beam 7<sup>th</sup> place

#### Level 7

- Amanda Morton – Floor 6<sup>th</sup> place
- Emily Moslener – Beam 7<sup>th</sup>; Best All Around 11<sup>th</sup>

#### Level 8

- Sara Adler – State Meet: Vault 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Floor 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Best All Around 10<sup>th</sup> Place; Regional: Vault 10<sup>th</sup> Place; Floor 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Level 9

- Karina Marks – State Meet: Vault 3<sup>rd</sup> Place; Floor 6<sup>th</sup>; Best All Around 3<sup>rd</sup>; Regional: Vault 9<sup>th</sup> Place; Floor 6<sup>th</sup>; Best All Around 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Mason Dixon

- Julie Corrigan – Vault 10<sup>th</sup> Place; Floor 8<sup>th</sup>
- Hannah Friend – Vault 9<sup>th</sup>; Bars 8<sup>th</sup>; Beam 8<sup>th</sup>; Best All Around 9<sup>th</sup>
- Meghan Friend – Beam 9<sup>th</sup> Place
- Jordan Martin – Vault 7<sup>th</sup>; Beam 5<sup>th</sup>; Best All Around 8<sup>th</sup>
- Delaney Madden – Bars 1<sup>st</sup>; Beam 2<sup>nd</sup>; Best All Around 2<sup>nd</sup>

The coaching staff recognized included: Karina Marks, Alison Slaughter, Claudia Rose, MacKenzie Hudson, Heather Reed, Kathy Hovercamp, Don Dembro, Rachel Welniak and Jen Moslener. Mr. Rollins thanked all the team members and parents for their support, time and hard work over the past year.

### **SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Recreation and Parks Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2010, at 5:30 p.m., in Chesapeake Building in Leonardtown. The Board decided to cancel the July meeting due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Kathy Bailey, Recorder

Minutes approved by the Recreation and Parks Board on August 5, 2010.