

RECREATION BOARD MINUTES 5-10-18

The May 10th, 2018 meeting of the Portsmouth Recreation Board was held in the Principal's conference room at PHS. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Carl Diemer, School Board rep Tara Kennedy, Rich Blalock, Kory Sirmain, Todd Henley, Kathy Lynch, Jackie Pitts, Recreation Director Rus Wilson

MEMBERS EXCUSE: City Council rep Rick Becksted LISA LOUITT

GUESTS: Piotrek and Crystal from Salsa Secrets, Yvonne Cedegren, Barry Foley, Tim Bailey, David Moore

- Newest Recreation Board member Rich Blalock was introduced to the Board and gave a brief overview of his resume.
- Representatives from Sala Secrets were in attendance with a request to offer free Salsa classes at the South Playground 8 Saturday nights throughout the summer. The request was unanimously approved.
- Pool Supervisor Yvonne Cedegren gave an update of the activities at the indoor pool and the hope for more public swim time.
- David Moore gave an update of the artificial turf field project, the lighting project at Leary Field, the boat docks at Prescott Park and the Dobles property as the next senior center. Much discussion all those topics.
- Kathy Lynch brought up the subject of recreation and school coaches reporting suspected abuse. Rus will get a legal opinion on coach's responsibilities.
- Rus gave an update on the July 4th celebration plans.

- Barry Foley gave a preview of the summer programs and the summer brochure
- Tim Bailey gave an update on the Spinnaker Point facility and the Recreation Department management of the boat docks at Prescott Park this summer
- There was a motion made to let several members of the audience speak. They were mostly parents and coaches of the Cannonball and Portsmouth with teams who wanted to discuss their reduction in swim rental time at the PIP. There was much discussion and more meetings will be set up to get into the minutia of the issue.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.