**Hart County Recreation Department**

**Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**

**Called Meeting**

**September 21, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bob Frye, Chairman.

**Present:** Bob Frye, Steve Wehunt, Erin Gaines, and Bill Fogerty.

**Staff Present:** Jim Owens, Recreation Director

**Guest Present:**  Commissioner Marshall Sayer

**Approval of the agenda:** A motion by Mr. Steve Wehunt was made to amend the agenda to move the Executive Session from #3 to #4 on the agenda and to add the word Personnel to Executive Session. A second was made by Mrs. Erin Gaines. VOTE: 4-0.

**Welcome:** Bob Frye

**Issue to be discussed:** Chairman Frye asked Director Owens to describe what happened and where he was when it started. Director Owens said he was at the front of the concession building when he saw two referee flags go up in the air on field 2. This was where the 12U Outlaws and 12U Raiders were playing. Director Owens started walking towards the field to see what was happening. Director Owens saw several players in the center of the field where the officials also were. Director Owens was told by the officials told by the officials that there was a fight/scuffle between two players. The players were assessed personal fouls and sent to the sidelines to cool off for a few plays. Director Owens stayed on the field. A few minutes later another scuffle broke out on the opposite side of the field from where he was standing. Director Owens made his way to that side of the field. After the scuffle was disbursed penalties were assessed, the game got underway and was finished. After the game Director Owens interviewed the coaches from both teams. After that Director Owens call each team together separately and talked to them.

The next day Director Owens interviewed several people. He interviewed Steven Mouchet, an assistant coach for the Raiders. Mr. Mouchet was on the sidelines where the scuffle happened. He said the players were coming his way and he held his arms out to stop the kids from running into the bench of other players on the sideline. A player, later to be identified as Ethan Crump, ran into Mr. Mouchet’s arm and fell down. At that time Mr. Crump grabbed the player and started yelling at him in a forceful manner. A coach pulled Mr. Crump off of the player.

Dennis Holland gave his account of the incident. He went on the field to find out what was happening. He talked to Director Owens. He said Director Owens told him that he would handle the situation. Mr. Holland said he talked to his son on the near sideline as to what had happened. Mr. Holland said after the game was over he spoke to Mr. Mouchet what had happened over there? He said Mr. Mouchet said it was all Paul (Crump). Mr. Holland said he then went back to his team and waited for Director Owens. He said Director Owens told the player to leave this on the field and not take this to school. Mr. Holland said R.A.B. Vice Chairman Lonnie Robinson told him not to start something as Mr. Crump was walking off the field.

Chairman Frye asked Ethan Holland if that sounded about right. He said yes.

Chairman Frye then asked Danny Webb, Raiders Head Coach, for his side of the story. Mr. Webb said that Director Owens did talk to his team and said the same thing to the Raiders. Mr. Webb said he did not see the event. Mr. Webb said everything happened so fast.

Almono Martin, Raiders Assistant Coach gave his version. Mr. Martin said he was the person who pulled Mr. Crump off of the player.

Brandon Norman, Raiders Assistant Coach, said he was coaching while this was happening. Mr. Norman said he saw Mr. Crump grab the player.

Ms. Holland, Ethan Holland’s mother. She identifies her son by his orange color shoes. She said she saw Mr. Crump standing over her son.

Paul Crump gave his version of the story. He said that players were after his son all night long. Chairman Frye asked Mr. Crump, “did you grab the boy’s face mask?” Mr. Crump said yes he did. Chairman Frye asked Mr. Crump what was he doing on the sideline for this game. Mr. Crump said he was coaching. Chairman Frye asked Mr. Crump, “did you do anything else after grabbing the players facemask?” Mr. crump said no.

Reco Jackson gave his version of what happened. Mr. Jackson said he saw Mr. Crump grab a player he called TD and then grab Ethan and throw him. Mr. Jackson said Mr. Crump was over Ethan. Mr. Jackson said he told Mr. Crump that “you don’t put your hands on a child.” Mr. Jackson said this was a rough and very competitive game.

Erin Gaines asked Mr. Jackson, “did you actually see Mr. Crump say those thing to Ethan?” He said Ethan cam by him with tears in his eyes.

Ethan Crump gave his version of the event. He said Mr. Crump was on top of him yelling at him.

Erin Gaines made a motion to go into executive session; a second was given by Steve Wehunt. Vote: 4-0

Mrs. Gaines made a motion to exit executive session. A second was given by Mr. Fogerty. Vote: 4-0

Mrs. Gaines made a motion that Mr. Paul Crump be banned from the Hart County Recreation and Parks Department facilities for the duration of the 2017 Youth Football Season to end November 11, 2017. Mr. Crump will also be restricted from coaching any Hart County Recreation and Parks Department programs or sponsored programs for one (1) calendar year. This calendar year will begin on September 21, 2017 and end September 21, 2018. Mr. Wehunt gave a second. Vote: 4-0.

Daniel Mortenson asked via Director Owens to use the Jimmy Bell Multi-Purpose Field on three dates. A motion to allow was made by Mrs. Gaines. A second was by Mr. Fogerty. Vote: 4-0

Mr. Wehunt would like to recognize Bill Granger for his service on the R.A.B. A motion was made by Mrs. Gaines to recognize Mr. Granger by the R.A.B. at a B.O.C. meeting with a resolution and a plaque for his years of service to the R.A.B. and the Hart County Recreation and Parks Department. A second was given by Mr. Fogerty. Vote: 4-0.

A motion to adjourn was given by Mr. Fogerty and a second was given by Mr. Wehunt. Vote: 4-0

**Public Comment:**  None.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gaines. A second was provided by Mr. Fogerty. Vote: 4-0.

Minutes by James A. Owens

Recreation and Parks Director

Cc: Terrell Partain, County Administrator