

Youth Athletics Advisory Board
October 3, 2012

Board Members Present:

Jackie Kellogg, Derek Weaver, Florencia Manero, Victor Balestra Glen Waldman and Cesar Elizondo

Glen Waldman called the meeting to order.

The Board discussed approving the minutes at the Board's next meeting.

The Board discussed the fall athletics report. The Board discussed the football program and that there were five teams the previous year and four teams this year. Jackie discussed that the proposed weight changes by the league and the late reversal of this change may have affected the registration. The Board discussed Volleyball. The new registration process recommended by the Board was implemented and worked well. The Board discussed that basketball registration has begun. The fact that space is limited is included on the materials as well as the financial aid application deadline. The Board discussed the financial aid application process. Glen stated that he would like to review the schedule to review the mix of games and practices. Florencia reported on the field hockey program. She reported that the USA Field Hockey Association visited the program. She stated the tournaments that they will be participating in. The Board discussed the numbers and field allocation for the sport. Florencia discussed the boys currently playing in the current program. Jackie reported on soccer. She stated that the intramural program has begun in a coed fashion again this year. Jackie reported that the travel teams have been submitted and games will begin October 27th. She continued that there are some pre-season tournaments that the teams are participating in. The Board discussed potential conflicts with the pee-wee soccer program. The schedule at St. Agnes was discussed by the Board. The 5:30 PM start time at St. Agnes was discussed. The Board discussed that girl's soccer will remain at St. Agnes for the duration of the season. Cesar discussed the sport programs being offered by St. Agnes and if they could be operated in a cooperative effort with the Village. Staff stated that they have offered programs within the Catholic Schools league in the past. Jackie stated that an open house forum should be held for the soccer program in February. The Board discussed that this would be a good time for a town hall meeting regarding soccer. The Board discussed an open format for the meeting. The Board discussed that Rugby has also begun their season as well. The success of the rugby program was discussed.

The Board discussed the inclusion of lights on the Village Green North field in the Village's 2013 capital improvement plan. The Board discussed updating the lights at St. Agnes if lights are installed on the Village Green North.

The Board discussed the election of the Boards Chair and Vice Chair. The Board discussed the election of just a chair instead of both positions. Florencia made a motion Glen be nominated as chair. The Board voted unanimously to approve Glen as Chair of the Youth Athletics Advisory Board.

The Board discussed sponsorships. The Board discussed that with the with the KBAC no longer in place this role has fallen to the individual programs. Staff discussed that it depends on the teams and the leagues rules that apply. The Board discussed that as a result all of the different programs will be competing against each other for sponsorships. It was discussed that this would require an individual to coordinate these activities. The Board discussed that it is a big task and that most people sponsor a sport that their children are participating in. The Board discussed the different items sponsorship dollars could cover. The Board discussed the feasibility of a hiring someone or creating a committee to address this item. The Board discussed that in the past this role was filled by the individual sport commissioners. The Board discussed an annual event/banquet. The Board decided to add this item to the next agenda.

Cesar discussed unifying the athletics programs on Key Biscayne. Cesar described a desire to generate an effort to improve the culture of sports in Key Biscayne. The Board stated that is being discussed at an individual sport level and via the NAYS training and through the disciplinary committee. These qualities could be recognized at the annual banquet discussed in the prior conversation. The Board discussed how to improve parent behavior. The Board discussed putting an article in the Islander News regarding the disciplinary committee.

The Board discussed the planning process for the field to be built at MAST Academy. A brief review was provided by staff. The Board discussed the loss of the Crandon fields as of May 2013. The Board discussed the use for the fields. The Board also discussed how a field may be included in the proposed tennis center improvement plan. Staff reported on the information in the initial proposal provided by the tennis center group.

The meeting was adjourned.