

**CHARLTON COUNTY RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 1, 2021**

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jesse Crews at 5:01 p.m. Those present were: Jesse Crews, Josh Popham, Lester Hamilton, Board Secretary Becky Harden, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson and Recreation Director Larry Allen. Joel Shivar was absent.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lester Hamilton.
3. Approval of Minutes – 1/4/2021; 2/1/2021- Motion was made by Josh Popham to approve the minutes. Second by Lester Hamilton. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.
4. Financial Reports – Dec 2020, Jan-Feb 2021 financials were presented to the Board. Josh Popham made motion to accept the report; second by Lester Hamilton. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.

5. Actions Items/FYI

- a. Basketball – Recreation Director Larry Allen informed the board the 12U Girls won the District Basketball tournament. They will play in the State Tournament in Baxley, GA on March 6, 2021. The 10U Boys were the runner up in the district.

The Board was also informed about an incident at the tournament in Appling County. Recreation Director Larry Allen made the recommendation to ban them for one year. Coach Bryce Kidd will be banned from coaching for one year, parent Jaleesa Nixon will be banned from all recreation activities for one year. Motion was made by Josh Popham, seconded by Lester Hamilton. Board voted, motion carried unanimously.

- b. Baseball/Softball – as of today, 259 registrations with 21 teams.
- c. Uniforms– County Administrator Hampton Raulerson recommended to let the coaches handle the purchase of the uniforms at a cost of no more than \$35 per child.
- d. Baseball – The Board will recommend to the Board of Commissioners to increase the fee for baseball to \$40 per child; a family of 3 or more children would pay a maximum of \$100. Motion was made by Josh Popham; seconded by Lester Hamilton. Board voted, motion approved unanimously.

6. Citizen/Board Member Comments – Chairman Jesse Crews inquired about the ball fields and who is doing the mowing and spraying. Charles Keene is currently doing the spraying while awaiting bids. Fields need to be mowed and ready for baseball. Director Allen said mowers are old and he needs new ones. After much discussion, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson stated one mower could be purchased now and paid for with 2020 SPLOST. Chairman Crews suggested that the old mowers could be used for the fields in St. George and Chatman Mobley.

Board member Josh Popham commented that we need a recreation department focused on recreation and nothing else. He also stated he has heard a lot of positive comments about the renovations at the Bethune Gym.

7. Executive Session: No executive session.
8. Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 5, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
9. Adjourn – Lester Hamilton made motion to adjourn meeting at 5:46 p.m. Seconded by Josh Popham. Board voted, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Harden, Board Secretary