

**BUCKEY RECREATION CENTER  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**I. Call to Order** - The Recreation Center Advisory Committee meeting came to order at 8:32 a.m., in the Buckeye Recreation Center. Present were Chairman Fred Pfohl, Committee Members Barbara Piquet, and Tracy Simms, Recreation Director Craig Colistra, and Mayor Rick Owen.

**II. Review of Minutes from July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006** – The minutes from the July, 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 were reviewed and minimal grammatical changes were made. Barbara moved to approve the minutes, and Fred seconded that motion.

**III. Discussion - Agenda Items**

**a. Marketing** – Fred mentioned that he had two more bulletin boards that could be displayed with Buckeye Recreation Center information; one will go in the Pinnacle Inn and Jim offered to house the other bulletin board in the Brick Oven Pizzeria. Rick approved a request for the purchase of additional bulletin boards. Craig will provide packets of Buckeye Recreation information for Fred to display on the bulletin boards. Barbara recommended that an advertisement of the Buckeye Recreation Center along with class schedules be posted in the Avery County Newspaper, in addition to the High County and Mountain Times. Barbara also recommended that a fax be sent to all businesses with calendars and class schedules. Craig and Fred will be setting a date to invite the new principal of Beech Mountain Elementary School to the Recreation Center to discuss future events at the facility. A packet will also be created to distribute to the Beech Mountain students. A tentative date of September 30<sup>th</sup> has been set for the Grand Opening of the Buckeye Recreation Center. For the Grand Opening, Fred suggested that a survey be available to acquire information on the current attitudes of our users in addition to activities that they would be interested in, for the future.

**b. Building Usage/Reports** – Craig presented to the committee a summary of visitor usage reports. Rick mentioned that holiday hours for the facility will be set by the committee.

**c. Calendars** - Craig presented the August facility and class schedule calendar to the committee. Craig now has access to the website; therefore, he can update it frequently. Craig distributed a packet containing the calendars and additional information to some of the local businesses. Barbara mentioned including upcoming events in the subsequent month along the bottom of the current calendars to generate interest. She also mentioned the success of the Parent's Night Out hosted at the Club during the summertime. Craig would talk with Lindsay Rice about the program.

**d. SoftPlay** – The SoftPlay fee structure was discussed and will be implemented as follows. SoftPlay use will be included in the general building usage fee for non-pass holders and included in the annual membership for pass-holders. For the future programming classes, the fee will be \$3.00 for passholders, and \$5.00 for non pass-holders. The fee for an hour rental of the SoftPlay Equipment will be \$35.00. Craig will

create a set of rules for the SoftPlay and send them via email for the committee to discuss.

*e. Fitness Room* – There has been some concern over the age requirement for the fitness room; requirements will continue as is. It was decided that Craig will create a document that states the facility rules and each new member will just authorize that they have read and agree with the rules. In addition, staff will mention the age requirements to daily users in order to try and limit the number of underage children that wander from their parents into the fitness room. New signs will be made more noticeable upon entering the Fitness Room as well. Fees for the Tennis Lessons were discussed and fees for semi-private lessons will be lowered after September.

*IV. Other Business* – Craig proposed to the committee, a policy that states if the power goes off, no access will be permitted until the staff can do a walkthrough. Fred did not feel there was much harm if the users were confined to the Fitness area. Also, it is a large inconvenience for the users when they come down at 6:00 in the morning and cannot access the back door because of a brief power surge. Craig will be checking with All-Tech in regards to a battery that will not stop the back door access if there is a power surge; in addition to a box that can cover the device. Craig will also be checking with Vermont about the issue of few pass holder cards only functioning at the front desk. Because of the inconsistency with the vending machine delivery, the front desk will soon be offering snacks. With the purchase of a fridge, the front desk can offer drinks as well. Craig will send Rick changes to the brochure. Craig mentioned the idea of hosting the Halloween Event this year with a confirmation from Calder. All members agreed it would be a great location for the event. Halloween falls on a Tuesday this year. Fred inquired about the additional outdoor furniture that is missing from the quote that he provided Michael. Also mentioned were directional signs to the Recreation Center. Rick and Fred stated they would work on that.

*IV. Adjourn* – The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Colistra