

Willcox Against Substance Abuse
W.A.S.A. Meeting Minutes
Aug. 7, 2015 at TA

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 12:08 by Chairman Jeff Stoddard.

ROLL CALL: Present: Jeff Stoddard, Gary Hatch, Tim Bowlby, Sam Lindsey, Kathryn Ford-Maddox, Sally White, Jason LaVallie, and Brad Nielson. Members Chief Rios, Bethany Hill, Susan Richards & Liz Tenney had sent notifications that they were out of town this date.

CALL TO PUBLIC: No Response

APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES: Approved on a motion by Sam Lindsey, seconded by Jeff Stoddard and unanimous vote

APPROVAL OF AUGUST AGENDA: Approved on a motion by Gary Hatch, seconded by Jason LaVallie and unanimous approval.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Given by Gary Hatch, balances in the one checking and six specific savings accounts were reviewed. As of this date there is a remaining balance in the summer account of \$2681.80, but all costs are not yet in, the Board is hopeful that the balance will cover the full cost of the summer; we feel certain it will come very close at least, thanks to the sponsorships we received. Jeff gave authorization to move \$80 from the Vaqueros Soccer program to the Summer Programs to cover the costs for the senior team. Report was accepted on a motion by Sam Lindsey, second by Brad Nielson and unanimous vote.

COORDINATOR REPORT: Gary Hatch reported that the MOU agreement with WUSD has been completed and passed by the School Board, it is basically the same as last year except that Kathryn is named as School Representative (allowing her full membership privileges such as voting and holding office) and WASA is given transportation privileges for youth programs. Copy is available in the WASA office. As school starts, the Criminal Justice class will be taught by Justin Allred through the High School; WASA will continue to be the sponsoring agent and manage the paperwork and finances; with Mr. Hatch's assistance we hope to make a smooth transition with the actual court. Gary also reported on the very successful summer program that ended last night (Aug. 6) with the Youth Theater performance of "Not So Grimm Tales" .**OLD BUSINESS:**

. **Sponsorship updates:** Members reviewed the contributions received and noted that the primary reason we did as well as we did on this was the hard work of our summer youth employee, Ray Rodriguez. Brief discussion held on the need to develop funding in ways that does not require direct requests, as members do not seem comfortable with this and we must raise funds and not depend solely on grants. Sally reported that non-profit training states grant funding should not account for more than 1/3 of an organizations funding.) Jeff suggested circulating a list of fund raising activities to members to see who is interested in what.

. **Summer Activity Report:** Members reviewed the summer activity report that Sally had compiled, commented on the great coverage our programs had from AZ Range News and discussed possibly having a separate schedule "For High School Students Only" next year to encourage more participation from the older youth Chief Rios had sent a copy of a background check release for us to use for volunteers for all programs and activities where volunteers engage with youth. It was also noted that we should include a photo release statement on our program enrollment application.

NEW BUSINESS:

. **WASA Officers/Executive Committee:** Discussion followed on the need to replace vacant officer positions. On a motion by Jeff Stoddard, seconded by Sam Lindsey, and passed unanimously Kathryn Maddox was named as Co-Chair and Sally White as Secretary. Coordinator Gary Hatch will continue with Treasurer duties until such time as we have someone willing to accept that position.. As soon as we have a complete Board we want to hold a one-day retreat to develop a five year plan and strategize on WASA development. Jeff has set up the Amerind as a location and Gary has spoken with Eddie Browning to facilitate at no cost.

. **LAW publications books:** Sally presented a publication that had been brought to WASA soliciting support – the salesman had canvassed the community including some of the members present seeking ads for a drug prevention publication. He had left an offer for WASA, and promised that we would get the majority of the books to distribute. Sally had hoped that Chief Rios would be at the meeting to get his feelings on the need for these publications in our community, but as he was out of town those present discussed the facts that the ads were extremely expensive and took away funding that possibly could have gone directly to WASA and the products were nothing we did not already have in other forms. On a motion by Sam Lindsey, seconded by Gary Hatch and unanimously agreed upon, it was decided that WASA will not purchase any ads or materials from this group at this time.

. **Establish Working Committees:** The need to get committees working on the two most pressing upcoming events was discussed. Sally will attempt to establish working committees (members do not have to be WASA members). Gary & Sally will be a part of both committees. Recruitment will begin now and meetings set to start soon:

- **Talent Night/Friends of WASA** – Sam volunteered and Liz has stated interest – Jason possibly will sign up
- **Halloween** – Kathryn volunteered, Michelle & Monica have expressed interest and Sally has talked to Jose Baltierrez .
- **Concessions:** Willcox Little League has donated their end of the year concessions to WASA, there is an estimated \$800 worth of products, we are looking for opportunities to sell concessions where they are not normally offered (we do not want to compete). Possibilities include soccer games and possibly baseball and softball. Tim and Brad are looking at arranging some 3x3 basketball tournaments at the WHS gym, perhaps we can sell concessions there as well. We can possibly use some at Halloween also (if we do the full haunted park, we will charge a small admission to help with expenses there as well

. **WASA Brochure:** Sally shared rough draft copies of a new WASA brochure and asked for input. We know we want the new logo on the front (Jeff & Sally are working on that) – Brad suggested and all agree that actual pictures of youth in our summer programs rather than graphics would be good. Sally will work on these things and hopefully will have a brochure copy ready for final approval at the next meeting.

OTHER: The Executive Committee would like to have WASA business cards; Sally & Kathryn will see if they can use the program we used for the kids' WASA cards to develop some. Kathryn announced upcoming Challenge Days at the High School and asked members to consider participation.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 PM.

