

MEETING MINUTES

Sports / Recreation Committee

Date	Tuesday, March 24, 2026
Location	Carpenter Center, Terrytown, NE
Meeting Type	Sports / Recreation Committee – Regular Meeting
Minutes Prepared By	David Kiraly, Secretary

Overview

- Previous minutes were approved; meeting moved quickly to event updates and operations.
- 58 teams attended the recent AAU volleyball event (Shamrock Smash); next weekend's event (Twilight Smash) has 26 teams registered.
- Facility rental costs varied widely: \$3,600 (Scotts Bluff) vs. \$600 (Gering)
- Plan to build a Sports Guide / Facilities Media Library (photos, searchable assets) linked to the county website.
- Bylaws and membership revisions in progress — target 11–13 members (odd number preferred); quorum clarified (7 votes = one-third).

Event Scheduling & Coach Feedback

- Mari reported to Kelly that the proposed dates conflict with cheerleading season and are not suitable.
- Many teams could not commit to the proposed dates.
- Kelly instructed Mari to formally voice concerns and verify dates with the council.
- Kelly recommended requiring Mari to attend a council meeting and present her plan.
- Council questioned holding the event if teams cannot commit; noted scheduling constraints.

AAU Volleyball Recap & Finances

Event: Shamrock Smash

- Hosted AAU volleyball tournament with 58 teams March 14th and 15th — event was successful.
- Saturday courts: Gering High School (both gyms) and Gering Middle School.
- Sunday courts: Gering HS (4 courts), Scotts Bluff HS (4 courts), and Gering Middle School (1 court).

Financial Summary

- Estimated full two-day rental: Scotts Bluff = \$3,600 vs. Gering = \$600.
- Paid only ~\$700 for Scotts Bluff HS (one day); required security fees were waived.
- Event was pre-approved up to \$17,000.
- Financial paperwork and reconciliation to be completed by next meeting.

Operations

- AAU referees attended; local refs filled in (including a Scottsbluff referee and Shawn Seiler).
- Scottsbluff staff assisted with court setup and concessions.
- No security incidents occurred.

Sports Guide & Media Library

- Zoom with Huddle Up resumed the sports-guide project; subscription was prepaid 3 years ago.
- Project was delayed by the USA Cycling race and a staff retirement.

- Team members have received logins to access the sports calculator.
- Sports calculator quantifies community impact.
- Action: collect facility photos and upload them to Kevin's Google Doc for guide assembly.
- Action: audit and update facility/event listings and community profiles for accuracy.
- David replaced the logo and will link the guide to the website.

Bylaws, Membership & Quorum

- Bylaws review pending; draft not yet emailed — awaiting attorney Jason's final edits.
- Once returned, committee will resend to commissioners.
- Committee size debated: proposed 16, considered 11 or 13; attorney adjusted to 7.
- Application/vetting process disputed: commissioners wanted county clerk to collect resumes; committee preferred applicants submit resumes to the committee lead.
- Voting eligibility proposal: require attendance at 3 meetings before voting.
- Attendance proposal: remove members after 6 months of non-attendance.
- Current effective membership reduced by non-attendance — approximately 10 active voting members after removing inactive persons.

Officers, Secretary Vote & Scheduling

- Elected David Kiraly as Secretary.
- Next meeting scheduled for April 21 at 6:00 PM at the regular meeting location (visitor attending; no site tour).
- Commissioners meeting: April 6.
- Strategic planning session: April 15.
- Confirmed presenters: Matt Carpenter to speak; flag-football organizer (Hernandez) proposing a memorial tournament and partial funding.
- Group availability: majority prefer Tuesdays; Wednesdays suit sports scheduling; member unavailable April 22–23 for Denver medical appointments.

Action Items

Owner	Action	Due
Chuck	Email Mari (or the coach) to confirm event dates and season alignment; follow up on her availability to present to the council.	Before next meeting
Kelly	Compile a master spreadsheet of all facilities; email to the group; divide outreach for volunteer sign-ups; coordinate calls to facility directors for official photos and contact info; post shared Google Doc link for uploads.	Ongoing
Kelly	Fill out and finalize all event paperwork (financials, referees, post-event reports). Submit by next meeting; include receipts and budget notes for reimbursement/approval.	By next meeting
Brenda	Coordinate with Jason (county attorney) on bylaws revisions. Once returned, distribute updated bylaws to committee for review and gather final comments.	When draft returns
Brenda	Contact Janna Schwartz and other shooting-sports contacts (plus disc-golf/flag-football leads) to identify potential contributors and request photos or participation.	Ongoing
David	Integrate approved facility photos and sports-guide content into the public website and media library. Provide link and feedback on look/feel before publishing.	Before publication

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 **Time:** 6:00 PM