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Stuart Marvin
Monday, February 16, 2004 11:32 AM
Ernest Burkeen; Alan Silva
Phil Thornburg
Subject: RE: Trouble at Swimming Hall of Fame?

Apparently there was an altercation on the pool deck whereby an athlete refused to comply with a coach's request to participate in a practice session on Friday morning. I spoke to both the athlete and the coach and according to both parties, the athlete did not wish to participate and the coach then asked the athlete to leave the facility. The situation escalated into shouting and then physical contact between the two. In my conversations with both of them, nothing was ever said about it being of a sexual nature. I contacted Jack Nelson who was in Orlando with other team members and encouraged him to investigate the situation. I urged Jack to have the athlete and coach in question take a step back from the program until he could get a clearer understanding of the incident. He indicated to me that both the athlete and coach would be directed not attend practice on Friday evening and that he would return to town on Saturday evening. I spoke to Jack Nelson this morning and he is having a meeting with his coaching staff this afternoon to assess the situation. As you are aware, Jack Nelson is a private contractor with the City and has oversight of his program. All staff associated with the program are hired by him and all the members of the program are under his control. The City provides the facility for his use and there is revenue sharing with the City on his behalf. I have a call into the police department to obtain a copy of the police report and I'm continuing to keep all channels of communication open so we can better understand the facts of the situation.

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From: Ernest Burkeen
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2004 8:39 AM
To: Alan Silva
Cc: Stuart Marvin; Phil Thornburg
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...however this past Friday an altercation between a swimmer and coach did take place at the aquatic center. Jack Nelson is the coach of the swim team and is employed by the city...all of the swim coaches work for and are employed by Mr. Nelson. Jack was informed of the altercation on Friday while he was in Orlando...he contacted both the coach and swimmer and advised them not to attend practice until he returned at the pool on Saturday in which he would deal with the situation...the young man had filed a police report...Stu Marvin will monitor the situation and will provide input as needed.

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From: Alan Silva
Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2004 2:15 PM
To: Ernest Burkeen
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Ernest,

Alan