

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 – 5:00 pm

(Note: the text that appears in *italic* font are discussions that happened in addition to the information provided the commission in the written Director's report.)

Commission Members Present: Jo Lacaillade, Lynn Wheeler, Barb Dutile
Excused: Cindy Fagnant, Jennifer West

Recreation Director: Sherri Sargent

Members of the Public Present: Angela Clifford

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Lacaillade called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Approval of Minutes: Barb wanted the December minutes noted that she had asked to have an excused. Lynn Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended to reflect Barb being excused, seconded by Barb and carried unanimously.

Open Time for public discussion: None

Chair Lacaillade referred to the written Director's report that Sherri had provided; this was something the Commission has been looking for and it will help all of them when they need to look back. Sherri felt if her report could become part of the minutes that would help everyone.

Director's Report: (inserted from handout from Director)

Cold Turkey Plunge net revenue was \$4859.60 and has been put into line item 01-221.10 which a restricted account. Expenses associates with the event \$1681.90

Sherri has been working on finding some grants. She has applied online with Walmart and is in the process of Home Depot. In her requests, Sherri mentions the need for improvement at the A.P. Hill Pool & facilities.

Sherri was asked to help with the lip sync at WHS. She has been helping after school a couple days a week and is making good connections with students. The goal is to become more visible and get the teenagers more involved with what we have to offer and possibly join the commission as a school representative.

Classes in Preschool Play, Senior Stretch and Drums Alive are still active. Nothing to report as far as Youth Basketball, Youth Baseball and Youth Softball. All well attended and appreciated.

Sherri is doing more advertising via WYKR.

Does anyone have a copy of the original Recreation Commissions Mission Statement?

Lynn commented that she had heard Sherri on WYKR and she sounded good. Sherri said they are really working with her to get advertising out there. Jo said that this is the first year of the higher budget for them.

Jo said that she had made a suggestion to Sherri that in future years we should just say moonlight Fiesta instead of having to worry about the moon phase. All were in agreement to do that.

Old Business:

Full Moon Fiesta was hosted by Bob & Linda Stoddard at the Blackmount Country Club. Although difficult to count as some people did not come into the clubhouse after their trek, we counted ~80 in who participated in the snowshoe event and stopped in the clubhouse. We did have a challenge with the lack of snow. Due to a mild winter we had only 5 inches of powder snow on the ground, and certainly not enough to put our Tiki torches in the ground. We purchased some glow sticks but it seemed they did not like the cold and did not work well. The moon was FULL and amazing! You did not even need a headlamp!

Leslie Ramsey baked cookies and Lynn Wheeler from the Recreation Commission and did bake a variety of cookies as well. Cocoa was offered by the Recreation Commission.

New Business:

Valentines Dance is Friday, February 12th from 6:30 – 9:30 PM at the Clifford Memorial Building. It has been advertised as a family dance with a door fee of \$3 PP or family of 4 for \$10. Porta Party out of Wells River is our DJ again. The fee is \$350. Sherri has two new people volunteering to help/chaperone the dance. Rose Bailey (retired school teacher from WES) and Bernice Burroughs (Bath Village School principal). We will need more chaperones. Does the commission want to bake cookies? Sherri could also put it out to the WHS mentor class as an option to offer goodies and help the freshman class. Fliers have been distributed in the schools. *Jo and Lynn will also be there to volunteer. Haverhill Rec will supply popcorn, cookies and drinks. Angie and Lynn will make the cookies. Sherri said that she needs very minimal in decorations, that she has quite a few. DJ is reserved. Barb asked if Rose Bailey might be interested in becoming a member. Sherri said that she is ok with helping with events and we will see where it goes from there.*

Winterfest has been slated as Sunday, February 28th from 12-4 PM. We are hosting with Mountain Lakes Recreation and the Ross Wood Post 20, American Legion. Dianne Rappa, Ollie Brooks and Sherri Sargent will be working outside at this event and could use some help with overseeing the snow sculpture & ice rink area. Peter Conrad has volunteered to be a Judge for the cardboard box race. *There was discussion about a possible substitute date for late in March but the Commission felt that may be too late to hold the event and they may want to forget it. Angie Clifford said she would help make changes to the fliers that are going out in the schools to show an alternate date when that date is set. Jo said that they should have all seen some emails during the day about the possibility of a date change that Sherri was working on; Jo reminded the commission that we need to let Sherri do her job and take care of these sorts of things because she is the one that knows her schedule best.*

Penny Sale progress has been made. *(The date is March 5th)* Gail & Jim O'Shaugnessy have been out soliciting items for the raffle table and have collected many gift certificates and items. Although not as many this year, we have quite a bit of Penny Sale yard sale items donated for the sale but will accept more donations if you know of any. Sherri will also ask for more donations via Facebook. *Barb will get a Bear Ridge donation. Jo spoke about the donation from a family that had Sherri go in and clean out anything from an estate that would be ok for the penny sale. Angie asked about baked goods. We do try to have food since the doors open at 10 and the drawing doesn't start until 12 noon and we have also raffled off nice baked goods. Barb reminded the group that if there are donations we need to make sure we charge the worth of that product. Jo, Angie, and Lynn will work and Barb will try. Sherri will work on getting some students for runners. Jo reminded Sherri to have the headset microphone for that day because it works so well. Jo said that Cindy helps usually too so hopefully she will be there. Gail and*

Jim O'Shaughnessy will work the door. We will need to secure our dumpster this year so people don't leave piles of junk.

***Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday March 26th. The discussion briefly went back to winterfest because if the Penny Sale is the 5th and the Easter Egg Hunt is the 26th another function in March may be just too much. Lynn said that Steve would be the Easter Bunny again this year. Kim Waterhouse and Sam will volunteer at the Easter Egg Hunt. Barb will make the frosting. With a Dollar Tree in town this year it will help with preparing for the event. Sherri will buy the sugar cookies.*

There was a brief discussion about the candy and pretzels that Haverhill Recreation is selling as a fund raiser.

***Election of Officers** Jo said that she had sent out an email about the election of officers and that she did not want to be considered for Chairman this year. She had not heard from anyone. With Jenn being vice-chair she felt that she would have given her first choice to be Chair but had not heard from her. Barb said she did not want to be Chairman. Jo nominated Lynn Wheeler for Chair; seconded by Barb and carried unanimously. Jo nominated Jenn West as Vice Chair, seconded by and carried unanimously. Jo asked how everyone felt about having the position of secretary. She reminded everyone that Jenn had suggested at the last meeting that the Vice-Chair take the minutes. It was decided to follow that plan for now and see how it goes; if there are meetings that the vice-chair needs to run the meeting someone else can take minutes. There was discussion about the required number of days to post minutes. Angie said that she would be able to help with minutes also. Jo said when Di was doing them she would bring her laptop and do them at the meeting.*

Sherri asked the Commission what they felt about a memo she has put out to try to get some of the youth of the area to volunteer with the commission. The Commission thought that the memo was great. Barb thought that it could be put out as a press release also. There have been students as part of the commission in the past and it was great.

Jo asked Angie if it was her desire to be appointed to the Recreation Commission. She said that she was. Jo told her she would put her on the Selectboard agenda for February 22nd. The commission gave her a brief overview of the appointment process.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is March 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Adjourn Meeting: Lynn Wheeler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb Dutile and carried unanimously. Chairman Lacaillade adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Lacaillade