

Haverhill Recreation Department  
2975 Dartmouth College Highway  
North Haverhill, NH 03774

Minutes of meeting from January 8, 2014

Commission Members present: Kurt Davis, Jo Lacaillade, Lynn Wheeler, Kim Waterhouse, David Robinson

Members excused: Dianne Rappa, Barbara Dutile

Recreation Director: Sherri Sargent

Members of the public present: None

Meeting called to order: Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

Approval of minutes: Lynn Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Kim Waterhouse which carried unanimously.

Directors' report: Sherri explained the Drums Alive certification program that she will be attending at the end of the month. She has been practicing on the Senior Stretch class as well as girls from the office. Both Jo and Kurt commented that it is a nice low impact exercise for everyone and feel it will be popular with the community. The goal after being certified is to offer the class to the public to generate some revenue.

Youth Basketball registration went well with 43 Kindergarten, first and second graders registered with 22 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade children attending the older group. Volunteer coaches again this year are Jim Kinder and Lorie-Ann Noyes with WHS students volunteering.

The ice fishing course has been scheduled in February through the NH Fish and Game Department. There is no fee involved. Sherri invited commission members to spread the word and register if they would like.

Winterfest was mentioned as coming up soon as well and encouraged members to put it on their calendar. We are again assisting the Mountain Lakes Recreation and the American Legion with this event. The Mountain Lakes committee will call the meetings and let us know what/how they would like to help again this year. Sherri is asking that members consider volunteering for this fun-filled day which includes events like the obstacle course, tug -o- war, snow sculpture contest, ice skating, sliding, cardboard box race, and indoor games.

Sherri has called the Stoddard family at Blackmount Country Club and confirmed that we will have use of the golf course and clubhouse for the Full Moon Fiesta again this year. The date is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sherri inquired with Dave Robinson regarding Adult 40+ basketball. Dave explained that he would run the program again starting in the next few weeks. Sherri noted that she would need to find out when it will start and will advertise as it needs to be open to everyone in the community. Dave stated he had plenty of registration forms left from last year and would let her know a start date.

New business: Sherri asked what the Commission thought of having either a regular or occasional 'Open Gym' on a Saturday night for adults only to play basketball and perhaps use the batting cage. She explained she has had inquiries about adults looking for activities to do inside during the winter months.

The call she received today was a couple looking to come play basketball in the gym. Sherri asked Jo about the policy. It was explained that the general public does not come in due to the liability. Sherri did speak to Dana about the batting cage and it would not be a problem. Jo's concern is someone from the

Rec Commission would need to be present for an organized group and if it's under our umbrella of insurance we would need to be careful. It was also stated the concept for an open gym is good but once it gets started people expect it and if we don't have the coverage that could be an issue. We sometimes

don't have coverage for some of the programs we have now and we can only offer so much with the manpower we have. Sherri stated she could not do every weekend but perhaps we could do it a couple times a month. Kurt Davis explained that he likes the idea and that if his job situation changes he would

like to revisit the topic as he would have weekends off and could come in to run this program. Lynn noted Sherri is a high achiever and cannot continue to take on more programming herself. Sherri clarified that if there are volunteers we could always use the batting cage after Youth Baseball on

Saturdays or Youth Softball on Sundays as the cage would already be set up. Kurt clarified he would like to revisit this topic at the next meeting. Jo stated that some residents do come in the gym and walk in bad weather because it is a good place to walk and it is not an impact on the insurance. Sherri noted

that we do not advertise for this indoor walking program.

Penny Sale is 2-1-14 from 10-12 at the Robert E. Clifford Building. Tickets will be drawn at noon. The hot dog cart, popcorn and bake table will be available and we are still in need of raffle items and thank those who have already donated. The goal will be to have a yard sale Memorial Day weekend and a Penny Sale at the end of the year to get rid of any leftover yard sale items. Boxes, bags, volunteers, runners and raffle prizes are still need.

Election of officer: Dave Robinson appointed Kurt as Chair and Jo as Vice Chair. 2<sup>nd</sup> was from Kim Waterhouse carried unanimously. Kurt nominated Jo for Vice Chair carried unanimously.

Jo reminded everyone that tomorrow night the Budget meeting for the Recreation Department and member support would be appreciated at this meeting as Sherri will be presenting numbers and statistics. It is important to support the Director and her budget.

Jo made a motion to adjourn; Lynn seconded the motion at 6:50 PM.

Minutes transcribed by Sherri Sargent