

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 – 6:00 pm

Commission Members Present: Jo Lacaillade, Lynn Wheeler-Selectboard Rep., Cindy Fagnant, Barb Dutile, Jennifer West, Dianne Rappa. Excused: Kim Waterhouse

Recreation Director: Sherri Sargent

Members of the Public Present: Jamie Jarvis: Fireman Muster – Children’s Events?

Introduced herself and spoke about the Dan Jock Memorial Fireman’s Muster August 8, 2015. Handed out flyer, explained games and ending Tug of War. Looking for help with the children’s activities. Family offerings during the day – Area dedicated to children. Haverhill Recreation tent/area. Conclusion is to grow this event. Question of event numbers – Home Depot has a tent and donates kits for the kids. 150 – 200 tentative participants. With the move in town behind the Municipal Building they are also hoping for more members. Mini Muster is a good event for the children. Question of Liability – King Fire Hose Insurance covered by the event coordinators. 3 options – take over the Mini Muster – have a tent/area with activities running in coordination all day or not at all. 10 a.m. opening – last year had a breakfast by donation. And then go to 3 p.m. Questions about any costs – prizes, supplies? Consensus of Commission present was to ‘take over’ the Mini Muster – run approximately between the times of 11 – 1 when adults were eating so could watch the children. Jamie said she understood that the bouncy house that they own could not be a part of the section that Haverhill Recreation oversees due to liability issues. The commission decided to add this under New Business.

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Lacaillade called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Barb made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Lynn and carried unanimously.

Open Time for public discussion: See Above

Old Business:

Director’s Report:

Penny Sale/Valentine Candy: \$1472.25; Raffle \$819, Concessions \$334.25, Door receipts \$254. Thanks to the O’Shaunesey’s for their solicitations. Sherri sent thank you note to the O’Shaunesey’s and then listed in the paper thank yous to all the participants. Sherri did state that the O’Shaunesey’s do not wish to seek the donations of raffle prizes in the future.

Full Moon Fiesta: Brisk Night – over 100 people. Tiki torches had a problem staying lit with the wind but all seemed to have a good time. Sherri sent Thank You Note to Stoddard’s.

Winterfest: 100+ people – went through 6 boxes of hotdogs, 3 carafes coffee, 4 boxes hot cocoa, 26 cardboard box entries, 30 obstacle course race participants - Mountain Valley volunteers were very appreciated with help in the events and setting up. Thanks to Jo, Peter C. along with Sherri and Dianne as judges. Grete, Mtn. Lakes Rec Commission member duly thanked as well. There was a discussion regarding the lateness of the date being set this year and “ownership” of this event. It was decided that the planning meetings should start earlier for next year and that a meeting should be held with the Mountain Lake Recreation Department to try to work out the particulars of this event, (history, current and future).

Turkey Plunge: Sherri is scheduling a meeting with Mountain Lakes to confirm the use of the lakes for this event. She talked with Commissioner Chris Demers for initial approval and suggested she confirm with the full Mountain Lakes Commission at an upcoming monthly meeting.

HARP Brainstorming: Sherri talked to Greg Fogel from Upper Valley Stewardship Center and setting up meeting to work together on their property to have the older children work/play there. They have bussing. Question of tools, equipment – assurance and insurance. This agenda item will be continued under Old Business for the April 1 meeting.

St. Patrick's Day Dance: Also night of Donkey Basketball Game – need to check local calendars months ahead. March 14 6 -9 p.m. 'Porta Party ' – DJ couple from Wells River was hired by Sherri - \$250. Cindy and Jen will do cookies and volunteer. Popcorn, Punch and Cookies.

Easter Egg Event: April 4th – Clifford Building – 10 – noon. Decorate cookies, face painting, coloring contest. Barb make frosting. Sherri will contact Sue Steele to see if she will be the Easter Bunny again this year.

New Business

Open Gym Stats: Revenue of \$330 – 22 people registered and paid for. Some contributed to the final tally. Average 8 -10 people/night. Gaga, Volleyball, Basketball - picking up afterwards.

Training Update: Sherri is doing the Lifeguard Training at Evergreen. (No Arianna Kinder lifeguarding but will continue to teach the summer swimming lessons.)

Paddle the Border: May 17th

Summer Concert Series: May 30th Parker Hill Road Band, Ask W.R.A.P. to confirm Chili Cook off

Dan Jock Memorial Fireman's Muster - thoughts? – part time – 11 – 1 do the Mini Muster? We will contact Jamie and let her know we are looking at a couple hours and maybe take over the Mini Muster. Looking to collaborate on future events together.

The commission did recess to Executive Session from 7 – 7:34 p.m. to review the Recreation Director's Evaluation.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is April 1, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Adjourn Meeting: Barb Dutile made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lynn Wheeler and carried unanimously. Chairman Lacaillade adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne L. Rappa, Secretary