

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

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

Recreation Director: Sherri Sargent

Members of the Public Present: none

Call Meeting to Order:

Vice Chairman Lacaillade called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

Approval of Minutes:

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

Open Time for public discussion: none

Pending (Old) Business:

- **Penny Sale/Valentine Candy:** Sherry said that donations to the penny sale for the raffle have been strong from a lot of surrounding area. The amount of donations was discussed. She reviewed the valentine candy sale. Some had been donated to sell for money for the recreation department; because they sold out quickly, she had ordered enough to make another 72 of them which have also sold. The profit was about \$200. Sherri said that MaryAnn and Chet Brandt, Gail and Jim O'Shaughnessy, Jo and her would be working the penny sale. Sherri said she had asked for volunteers from the high school to be runners. Cindy said she would be there; Lynn was not sure if she could make it but would also try to come during the week for set up if she could. If she was able she would come that day also. Others volunteered to bake for the bake sale.
- **Full Moon Fiesta:** The 21st of February, 6-9 will be snowshoeing at the golf course. Crystal Aldrich has offered to do sleigh rides. They charge \$10 per person. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that this event, we wanted to keep as it is because the Stoddard's are so gracious in letting us use their property for the snowshoeing. Perhaps some other event such as Winterfest might be a better fit for sleigh rides.
- **Good Ole Boys:** Barb wanted it noted that Sherri had done a great job speaking at a Good Ole Boys meeting the day before and promoting Haverhill Recreation.
- **Pool Rates:** Sherri wanted a clarification of the pool rates discussed and set for the 2015 season. The minutes did not reflect them and she felt it was important to have it in the minutes. HARP is staying the same \$98 for residents and \$108 for non-residents. Lynn had her notes and daily rates will go from \$2 to \$3 for residents and non-residents from \$3 to \$4; youth under 5 \$2, under 1 free. Season Pass \$25 for one, non-resident \$30; 2 person \$40, non-resident \$45; family of 4 \$60, non-resident \$65 +\$5 per person for each person extra. Pool aerobics is \$2 a class if you have a pool pass; if not it will go to \$3 per class. Swimming Lessons, 1 hour lesson, 4 weeks is \$30 for residents, \$35 for non-residents; 2 in the same family \$50 resident, non-resident \$55, 3 in the same family \$70 for resident, non-resident \$75. Barb made a motion to approve these rates; seconded by Kim which carried unanimously.

New Business:

- **Winterfest:** This will be the 28th of February from noon to 4. It will be run as in years past with box races, obstacle course, tug of war, ice skating, sledding.
- **Cold Turkey Plunge:** We have tentative approval from Mountain Lakes Commissioner Chris Demers to use their beach for our turkey plunge. People would get sponsors and take a run into the cold water for pledges from people with the proceeds going to Haverhill Recreation. Jo has spoken to several people out and about and many say they will do it. The exact way on how to get this organized and going is still to be determined. Most of them have a level that if you raise that amount you don't have to take the plunge. We need to determine if it is a tax deductible if someone contributes to this fund raiser. We need to determine prizes and awards. The date for the event was set for November 15, 2015. If it appears there are a lot of conflicts for that date we will go to the 22nd. It was discussed that a 5K may be done in the future on a different day, but it takes a lot of people and coordination for one and it should not happen the same day as the plunge.
- **HARP brainstorming:** What can we do different to make our HARP program more attractive; what do we need to change, do we need to change? Lynn said that additionally, what do we do to attract older kids? Jennifer said they used to have a pet parade; field days with ribbons, long jump, high jump, running, relays. Free throw contests. Lynn felt we are doing a lot to appeal to the younger group but not the upper range age group. Sherri said she would love to tap into the older group but doesn't know exactly how to attract them, what to offer. There was discussion about a "gaming" day. Maybe a Taekwondo clinic; those types of things. Jo asked that everyone give this some thought and we will be discussing again at the March meeting to see what the commission might be willing to try.
- **St. Patrick's Day Dance:** The Commission decided to have a family day dance on March 14th, 2015 from 6-9, \$3 per person or family of 4 \$10. Lynn thought that the cost of the DJ should be considered when setting the rates. Sherri felt the DJ would be around \$100. If the DJ was \$100 you would have to have 30 people to break even. Sherri will send advertising home with the kids at school. There will be fruit punch, popcorn, candy for sale.
- **Election of Officers:** Barb made a motion to elect Jo Lacaillade as Chairman; Jennifer West Vice-Chairman and Dianne Rappa secretary. Jo said that she really appreciated Di doing the minutes at the meetings but we have to make sure that more information gets into them such as the pool rates that had to be discussed and adopted again. Sherri uses the minutes a lot of the time to look back and see what was said and done and if they are too brief, she is not able to find what she needs and ends up having to listen to the tapes again. Barb said that if there were details missing, we need to let her know our thoughts so that they can be amended. Di does a great job getting the minutes done and out but we just need a little more detail go into them. This was concurred by all. The motion was seconded by Cindy and carried unanimously.

The next Recreation Commission meeting is March 4, 2015 at 6:00 pm. Kim will be absent.

Adjourn Meeting: Barb Dutile made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kim Waterhouse and carried unanimously. Chairman Lacaillade adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Jo Lacaillade