

Haverhill Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes September 3, 2014

Members in attendance: Lynn Wheeler, Kim Waterhouse, Dianne Rappa, Jo Lacaille, Barbara Dutille,

Recreation Director: Sherri Sargent

Excused: Dave Robinson ?, Cindy Fagnant

Members of the Public: Jennifer West, Wayne Fortier

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

August meeting minute approval: Barb/Kim motion to approve

Old Business:

1. Directors Report – Review of HARP monies and scholarships.

Sherri reviewed the income from HARP - \$17368 income generated through HARP. After reviewing Ian's end of year statistics Sherri found that \$2487 income is outstanding and Sherri has followed up with and currently receiving these funds. Total should be \$19855. HELP numbers from 2013, had we had these funds and the 13 – 18 children this year the money those families would have brought in would have been an extra \$1500. Out of those 15 children – 5 of those children remained Conclusion is that we might have met our projected revenue income. Now a \$5000 - \$6000 deficit is anticipated.

HARP attendance for the summer included 15 nonresident, 6 scholarships and 43 residents – with an average of 27 – 30/day over the summer.

Question of additional expenses – bussing will be taken care of (\$894).

RR Park Concert – Back Shed Concert – 8/9; 75 attendees - \$95 income. Discussed set night of week/month, advertisement, sandwich board on Central Street for summer of 2015.

2. Pool cover follow up – received \$7800 from donor, \$250 from Lion's Club. Cover has been ordered. Chair lift needs to be removed. Possible fix leak in deep end before cover installed. Maybe look into some security options/motion lights. Discussions of electric and water prices. Look into spickets and bathrooms on field and who pays for those.

New Business:

3. Youth Soccer – Ann Loud, Female H.S. Coach running program. \$15/child – starting Sundays
British Challenger Soccer Summer Camp – 40 participants. 1 scholarship - ~\$500 anticipated income. Local families hosted staff. (Our cost was drinks/snacks) final figures will be forthcoming.

Railroad Park – Mirage concert – September 13th 6 – 8 pm – played last year but it was inclement weather. They came back to 'try again' and it is scheduled earlier.

4. Penny Sale – October 4th – 10 – 1 pm - lots of product. Talk of bake items to be on separate 'auction' table maybe part of raffle items. Need 'runners' to keep on top of sales. Need hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, coffee?? Check when Warren's Penny Sale is.
Paddle the Border – October 5th - May need help with launching in Newbury and unloading in Bradford.
Haunted Happenings – October 25th – looking for people for a 'designing committee' – Deb English, Tina Hebert offered to volunteer for this. Talk of splitting up the ages and times – talk of 2 nights again? Younger children one night and older the next night? Possible younger children at set time with games, contests, music. Decided on one night with 5 – 7 pm start Haverhill's Halloween Party for our youth & families with the Haunted Happenings beginning at 7:30 pm – 10. Jennifer and Jo offered to be on the 'scary' planning committee.

Jo reviewed the rental schedule of the R. Clifford Recreation Building – at least one event/month

5. Current Program Review - spreadsheets were printed out as presented and sent via email today. Look at the programs, review, evaluate? What is the commissions desire to continue, suspend, make more viable? The Commission started reviewing the actual income/expenses of individual programs.

Acoustic Jam – (organized with the Strout's from Orford) discussed snacks and expenses – overall consensus to continue program, continue \$3/suggested donation and cut down on expenses. New policies would begin in January 2015. Suggested meeting with the Strout's to discuss the added expense of heat and discounted snack options.

The skating rink is eliminated off the spreadsheet/programs. Ping Pong only 8 people – have to heat building. Could tables be brought down here? Storage? Days of week? Possible use during months not requiring heat. April – October? Fly Fishing – state run, weather factor this year so keep. Penny Sale instead of Yard Sale so have 2 Penny Sales/year.

Haunted Happenings – keep but really need to look at the added expenses – what can we do to make it viable?

Lynn mentioned that we really need to look at the people and the enjoyment and not just the bottom line – (Haunted Happenings/Easter Egg Hunt are very popular.) Suggested to really look at expenses for these events and see if we can reduce & have more net profit for 2015.

Full Moon Fiesta - over 200 people, keep it.

Take off 4th of July - no need for a float. Keep Winterfest. Christmas Caroling – keep. Yoga will keep – mats etc. were bought for all of Sherri's programs. Open House – keep. Concerts – keep and look at how many and times of week, keep Senior Stretch and Preschool program, Drums Alive (\$5/class).

Kurt Davis was wondering if he could have an open gym for adults – basketball, baseball batting cage, volleyball – recreation options for adults with Kurt volunteering as part of Recreation Programs. This opened discussing 'volunteer of a program', collecting money – fine line of operating programs under the 'name' of Haverhill Recreation. Being a board member, Friend of Rec.

Jennifer West was asked if she wished to be involved – she confirmed. Barb/Kim made motion to move Jennifer West's name forward to the Selectboard. Jo informed her that she needed to go to a Selectboard meeting to be formally approved either 9/14 or 9/28.

Motion Dianne/Barb to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.