

HAVERHILL RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Members in attendance: Recreation Director Sherri Sargent, Dianne Rappa, Kim Waterhouse, Lynn Wheeler and Barbara Dutile

Members excused: Jo Lacaillade and Kurt Davis. Did not hear from Dave Robinson

Members from the public: No one. No need for public discussion

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Dianne Rappa

Approval of minutes: Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Kim, and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Director's Report:

Paddle the Border: No numbers yet. Sherri did not go as it was a very chilly/windy day. She did hear that they had a good turn out and that it went without a hitch.

Senior stretching & playgroup: Sherri has about a dozen regulars for the senior stretching. They are paying by the class, \$1.00 each class, and she thinks she is getting more people this way. She is doing the same thing for the playgroup and she has about 8 kids right now.

Yoga: Susan Steele has started her yoga classes. She only had 1 today. Sherri told her not to get too frustrated and to stick with it. Hopefully word of mouth will get them there. Lynn questioned what age group she was targeting because she is not going to get people who work and older people might not like yoga. Dianne thought that maybe if it was promoted as over 50 yoga rather than senior yoga she may attract more. Also concerned that some seniors felt \$7.00 was a lot to pay. Since she is doing her classes from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. it was suggested by Dianne, and everyone agreed, that maybe she should target teachers. Dianne will contact Sue and suggest that and maybe she should put up posters to promote. Lynn suggested that she do a flyer. Dianne wondered if rec could help get the word out and Sherri said she has already spent \$150.00 in advertising and has only received \$1.40 from Sue for our percentage. Sherri added that Carissa promotes Zumba on her own.

Oliverian Family Day: This was held on October 5, 2013, during the day, and then there was a dinner that night at the Pike Hall. They opened up the ropes course, they had pumpkin carving and pony rides. Sherri went with her kids and they did an obstacle course and other fun games for the kids. There were a lot of people there and this is something they will do every year and would like Haverhill Rec to participate.

Haunted Happenings: Fun, very successful. There were 117, paying, on Friday and 110 on Saturday. Made \$1,140.00 and change this year which was a little more than

last year. Lynn said the mentors did a great job. Barb said some complained Saturday that they should have come Friday because their kids were too young. Sherri had a small glitch with the music on Friday for the little ones but she was able to make it work. Barb sent a few people over to see Josh on Saturday so they could tell him what they wanted to hear but she thought Josh did a good job.

Music Jams: Jim and Ruth Strout from Orford are running them and they are doing a great job. Since September they have had 4 jams and we have gotten \$415.00. They are doing them sometimes on Saturdays and sometimes on Sundays. All donations come back to us and the \$3.00 suggested donation includes light snacks, which consists of coffee, cookies, crackers, water, etc., which Sherri has purchased. Otherwise, they do everything. Sherri just makes sure the building is open. The 1st jam, there were 8 people, 4 players. The 2nd there were 36 people, 12 players. The 3rd there were 54 people, 18 players and the 4th there were 50 people, 23 players and Sherri said there was more like 65 people because some did not sign in. More are scheduled for the 29th of November, 14th of December, and 29th of December. It seems to be very popular.

New business:

1. Line dancing: Sherri has had a couple requests from seniors to offer line dancing. She currently plays music at the end of stretching and they like it so much that they would like more. Sherri is considering this and Dianne said she has tons of tapes and things if Sherri needs them. Someone thought they were doing this at the Senior Center and if they are Sherri won't do it as she doesn't want to step on anyone's toes.

NASM Certified Personal Trainer: Shawn Newcomb has an interest in running plyometric training which is where you use your own body, ropes, core stretching. She is going to show him the Armory. He would charge and we would get a percentage just like Carissa does with Zumba.

2. Budget: Sherri got permission from Glenn to turn her budget in later as she has been busy with Haunted Happenings. She will email us tentative numbers. Lynn will not be included in the vote. Sherri also asked what we thought of a title change. Rather than Rec Director she wondered if it should be changed to Parks and Rec Director? Sherri is requesting an increase in her salary based on all that she has now taken on. Dianne questioned whether it was necessary to change the name or just update the job description and increase her salary. Sherri went on to voice her concerns over taking time off in the summer as this past summer she was encouraged not to take time off. Dianne agrees there needs to be a "second in command" like maybe Rich Clifford. Lynn said especially if Sherri is out because of being sick. Sherri also mentioned to Glenn that she needs someone to answer the phones when she is not in the office. If Sherri works on weekends or in the evening, she isn't always in the office Monday through Friday. Lynn suggested that she do a log of 30 days of when she is working and not in the office to answer phones so it can be documented. Dianne thought that Sherri's phone could be answered or maintained through the town office, if she is not there and she can check in. Sherri will email budget figures to everyone, with a deadline date. She will get a message to Dave Robinson and Kurt Davis so that we can get their input as well.

Adjournment: Dianne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lynn. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Next meeting date: December 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Kim Waterhouse.