

HAVERHILL RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2013

Commission Members **present:** Kurt Davis, Jo Lacaillade, Barb Dutile, Dave Joslin, Leslie Ramsay, Kim Waterhouse, Dianne Rappa
Recreation Director: Sherri Sargent

Members **Excused:** Lynn Wheeler, Selectboard Rep.
Members **Absent:** Dave Robinson

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:05 pm by Kurt Davis.

Motion was made by Barbara Dutile to approve the minutes of December 5, 2012, seconded by Dave Joslin and approved unanimously.

Old Business: The commission welcomed Sherri back from her medical leave and was pleased to have her return and know that she's doing well.

Sherri reported on the Youth Basketball Program, which went very well this year and was well attended. The last Saturday is coming up on February 9 and will be at the Morrill Building Gym as there is a conflict - Tournament at the Middle School scheduled. Sherri thanked Leslie and Barb for stepping in and covering the weekends that Sherri was on leave. The 3rd and 4th graders will be playing at the Cohase Lions Club Basketball Tournament on Wednesday evening - February 20th and again on Sunday afternoon - February 24th. The program was again run by Jim Kinder and Lori-Ann Noyes with several volunteers (approximately 15) from the High School. The volunteers were rewarded with Dunkin Donuts each Saturday morning. It made it worth getting out of bed for the day. Thanks to Heidi Nystrom for picking up the donuts each morning.

New Business:

Election of Officers: Barb Dutile nominated Kurt Davis as Chairman - Seconded by Dave Joslin. Kurt agreed he would again continue to serve if everyone was happy with him. No further nominations.

Barb Dutile nominated Jo Lacaillade as Vice-Chairman - Seconded by Kim Waterhouse. No further nominations.

Both positions were voted upon and approved unanimously.

Jo Lacaillade inquired whether or not anyone had any suggestions on how to make the secretary program work. (meeting minute taking) Leslie Ramsay suggested writing the names on papers and draw each month. When we run out of names, put the names back in again. There was also discussion that in the past we had gone by the alphabet for first names of the commission members and that had worked well. We all agreed to continue with the alphabet. Jo had stated

that we should not use Lynn Wheeler as a secretary because she was a Selectboard Representative and that it didn't seem fair to Lynn. Commission members all agreed and Barb agreed to take minutes for the meeting.

Sherri reported that the cross country skiing event is scheduled this month - February 23rd in the evening at the Blackmount Country Club. Sherri is looking for volunteers to pack the trails and install the Tiki Torches. Maybe this would work for that Saturday morning. After discussion about the packing of the trails, Kim stated that she would check with Jay Waterhouse and see if he would agree to pack the trails with one of the small Alpine Groomers from the Snowmobile Club. Sherri will check with the Blackmount Country Club and see if they would agree to allow the groomer. Sherri also stated that she will have the Motorola portable radios in various locations in case of an emergency. Ad will be going into the newspaper.

Sherri reported that the Winterfest is scheduled for March 2nd. This date is a week later this year, but it seemed like a better date with much less conflicts. She is looking for volunteers. The American Legion and the Mountain Lakes people will again be volunteering their time and running various events and the food. There will be ice skating, tug of war, ski race, decorated cardboard box race, sliding, obstacle course and other events. There will be refreshments in the upstairs of the Lodge building - Hot chocolate, hot dogs, pop corn, candy and cake. Again, looking for volunteers, even if it is for just part of the day. Ad will be going into the newspaper.

The Public Hearing on the Haverhill Budget is being held this evening at 7:00 p.m. Sherri is hoping that the commission members will stay and attend this hearing to help support the Recreation Budget. Our budget is UP by a considerable amount this year. Some of the major increases are the extension of HARP and the pool, the clerk at the pool building during pool hours, the handicap lift for the pool and a section of aluminum bleachers at the Morrill Building gym. The Selectboard is looking for places to cut where they are not required to fund. Most budget items are mandates and necessary expenses. Recreation is an area that could possibly be cut. The Director needs your support.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m. Motion by Barb Dutile and seconded by Dave Joslin.

Minutes taken by Barb Dutile.