

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 PM

Board Members Present: Heidi Grady (Chair), Bonnie Pulda (Secretary), Glenn Donaldson, Laura Darrow and Tom Hollywood

Board Members not present: Mark Hryniewicz (co-chair)

Recreational Director Present: Shari Gonsorcik

Recreational Assistant Present: Nicole Daly

Guest Present: Dick Maki

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. New Members, Laura Darrow and Tom Hollywood, welcomed by Chair, Heidi Grady Also, congratulated Nicole Daly for accepting the Assistant Recreation position**
- 2. Acceptance of the minutes from 1/11/2023**
 - a. Motion made by Glenn Donaldson to accept the 1/11/2023 meeting minutes**
 - b. 2nd motion made by Laura Darrow**
- 3. Financial Reports reviewed from 2/15/2023 by committee members and accepted**
- 4. Recreation Office updates**
 - a. April 22nd is our town wide clean up day and Sterling selectman are looking for a committee that will be responsible for it. Dick Maki discussed what he has been doing the past years to run Earth Day Clean up in our town**
 - b. Shari discussed her plan to spend recreation money on the 3 softball fields on Griffin Field. This does not include the fields on Houghton or Muddy Pond.**
 - c. Motion made by Glenn Donaldson to accept the Field Fertilizer Program presented by Shari Gonsorcik in writing**
 - d. 2nd the motion made by Heidi Grady**
 - e. Discussion on donating to Village Green a \$50 gift card to be used on certain recreation programming**
 - i. Motion made to donate to VGP \$50 gift card for recreation programs that qualify. (There are restrictions) made by Bonnie Pulda**
 - ii. 2nd that motion made by Laura Darrow**
- 5. Town Report reviewed with no questions or comments by committee members**
- 6. Winter/Spring Programing Update**
 - a. April 1st is our Easter Egg Hunt behind Fire Station and will need volunteers**
 - b. April 8th is our Recreation 5K and 10K Run**
 - i. 33 runners have already registered**

- ii. Marketing for run discussed and suggestions made by members on how to increase the number of registrations
 - c. Sports Adventure Camp will not be returning this year
 - d. Cribbage doing well and finishing soon with another 5-week session scheduled
 - e. Home Alone has 13 kids registered and Babysitting has 15 kids signed up
 - f. Mini soccer has 7 kids registered and needs 10 kids to proceed
 - g. Decoupage does have enough registered participants to continue having
 - h. Ski program ends March 6th
 - i. Basketball is finished for Division 2 and 3 and was a positive experience for all except for the hoops failing to go up and down but have been fixed
 - j. Division 5 is still playing on Thurs and Friday nights and will have playoffs on March 7th, 8th, and 9th and will need committee members to keep the scoreboard and write in the book during the games
 - k. Girls pick up basketball has had 19-27 girls participating with Michelle McGowen running it
7. Summer Programming
- a. National Lifeguard Shortage
 - b. Shari has emailed all staff from last year to inform them it's time to re-apply for a position this year but having little feedback so far
 - c. Will continue to communicate with staff from last year and continue discussion at next meeting
8. Five Year Plan
9. Program Brainstorming
- a. Tom Hollywood discussed possibly extending the basketball season and asking Thomas Prince about using their gym for extra space
 - i. Shari commented that we pay our custodian's time and half to stay during games and that would mean we would need to increase the cost of our program in order to extend it if we could find the gym space
 - ii. Another thought for basketball was to have a skills and drills practice for all players during the season
10. Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2023 at 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 pm

