

RECREATION COMMISSION

Town of Sandown, NH

Meeting Date: 4/20/2022

Meeting Location: Rec Building

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Members Present: Chairman George Blaisdell; Heidi Dyer; John Donahue; Chris Longchamps;

Also Present: Becky Thompson, Rec Director

Members Not Present: Darren Hudgins, ex officio

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Blaisdell at 6:35pm.

Longchamps made a motion to accept minutes as written from 4/6/2022.

Motion By: Longchamps

Seconded By: Dyer

In Favor: Longchamps, Dyer, Blaisdell

Abstain: Donahue

Motion passes 3-0-1.

Discussion of new business begins.

Programming

Thompson asked if she needed approval from the board to plan programs and events. Chairman Blaisdell gave his approval for her to plan events, unless the cost of running the event exceeds an amount that needs board approval. Members discussed amount and agreed upon the board needing to approve events with a total cost of over \$300, as long as all events remain within the overall budget. Members also suggested having a donation bin at events that goes towards popcorn supplies, and encouraged Thompson to plan events as soon as she is ready. Thompson hopes to host a Board Game Night in the near future.

Playground Woodchips

Members discussed playground wood chips for this year. Thompson is taking a Playground Safety Course in May, and will be updating members on the specific requirements needed. Blaisdell said that woodchips were done last year, and they are typically redone every other year, but they can touch up areas as needed.

Discussion of business from previous meetings begins.

Rec Desk Software Update

Dyer and Thompson are currently using the software and have had 2 training sessions. They are on track for a launch date of 5/9, which is 4 days earlier than last year's registration date. Members discussed 3% usage fee, liability waivers, and refund policies.

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Field Condition Updates

Donahue shared specific needs of fields, such as a water problem on left field on B field and a large hole behind 2nd base on C field, and plans to write a detailed list for members to discuss. Members agreed that the hole in C field is a safety issue and critically needs to be addressed. Thompson hopes to have it fixed by the end of the following week. Blaisdell suggested having Thompson speak with Artie regarding the issues. Donahue asked that any improvements at the fields be done in the fall, and suggested that SPSA meet with the board once baseball season is over, for everyone to be on the same page.

Hiring of Lifeguards & Counselors

Thompson said she has received 3 applications for counselors so far, and is considering holding a group interview. She plans to confirm with returning counselors, and has confirmed that only 1 lifeguard is returning. One of the non-returning lifeguards has offered to work for a month while in the area. Longchamps reminded members that they need to have 2 lifeguards at all times during Summer Rec Program. Thompson also said Mike was willing to become lifeguard certified if they do not get anyone else, and the rest of the year will be "swim at your own risk" with no lifeguard on duty. Thompson said she will reach out to other returning counselors to see if they would like to become lifeguard certified. Dyer and Longchamps spoke about lifeguard certifications at UNH and the Sandlot. Thompson plans to reach out to the Sandlot. Members discussed the age requirement of counselors being 16-years-old. Thompson suggesting making a Junior Counselor position for 15-year-old's. Members discussed the issue of working papers and paying 15-year-old staff, and Thompson said she will look into the rules. Mike and Casey were not on board with hiring 15-year-old's. Members agreed not to advertise for Junior Counselor position, and that anyone hired for this position must be already known by the board or Mike and Casey.

Miller Field Sign Repair

Quote came in for sign repair and will cost \$1,780. Thompson said Lynne plans to speak to the individual responsible for paying for the sign and will update us.

Next meeting is scheduled for 5/4/2022.

Longchamps made a motion to adjourn at 8pm.

Motion By: Longchamps

Seconded By: Donahue

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Submitted By:

Jessica Manning

Recording Secretary