

RECREATION COMMISSION

Town of Sandown, NH

Meeting Date: 6/1/2022

Meeting Location: Rec Building

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Members Present: Heidi Dyer; Chairman George Blaisdell; Chris Longchamps; Darren Hudgins, ex officio

Also Present: Becky Thompson, Rec Director

Members Not Present: John Donahue

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

Hudgins made a motion to accept minutes as written from 5/18/2022.

Motion By: Hudgins

Seconded By: Dyer

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion of new business begins.

Summer Rec Items Transportation

Thompson said she needs help moving large items for Summer Rec Program. She hopes to do this staff training week. Dyer and Longchamps suggested renting a U-Haul, and discussed if this was done in previous years. Thompson is hoping to do this 9am-12pm, the Friday before New Camper Orientation at 2pm on 6/24. Members offered to use their trucks to help, and shared that they liked the idea of hosting an orientation. Thompson said orientation will be held from 2pm-4pm, and new campers can stop in, hopefully pick up T-shirts, Thompson can go over pick-up and drop-off with parents, go over what to pack, and offer a snack.

Movie Screen

Members discussed options for purchasing a movie screen. Thompson went on the recommendation of the library to purchase the one Hampstead has. Library staff said that in order to use their license for movies, Rec has to become a library annex, meaning Rec has to offer books for residents to check-out, as an extension of the library. Library suggested having a bookshelf of themed books, and will swap them out periodically. Thompson suggested checking out rec equipment, as well. Members agreed to have the library annex bookshelf to ensure compliance with library movie license.

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Old Home Day

Thompson is hoping to run a luau on Seely Beach as part of Old Home Day. She suggested hosting a sand castle contest and “make your own boat” competition. Dyer suggested having kayak race for older kids and/or parents with a child. Members agreed they must have a motorboat for safety in case of capsizing or emergencies. Hudgins suggested getting the boy scouts involved. Members agreed that they can ask Phillips Pond Association to be involved.

Seely Beach Lock

Thompson said she changed the lock at Seely Beach. She said East Coast Lumber doesn’t make keys for the old lock anymore, so she got a new lock entirely.

Discussion of business from previous meetings begins.

Summer Rec Update

Non-Verbal Camper

Thompson said they have one camper signed up who is nonverbal. The camper will be attending with an aid, and they are hopeful for a good experience for the camper.

T-Shirt Order

Members discussed T-shirts for campers and staff, and Thompson plans to reach out to Donahue regarding the order tomorrow.

Lifeguards

Thompson said they have 3 returning lifeguards. They will have lifeguards on duty during Summer Rec Program only; they do not have enough lifeguards to staff them on weekends or other times. Thompson said some lifeguards weren’t coming back because of issues from the previous year, but were vague in their reasoning. She plans to speak with them to best understand their concerns.

Newsletter

Thompson shared that Summer Rec Program will have their own newsletter. She printed copies and plans to put it on the website. Dyer said they were previously able to distribute through the school, and suggested for Thompson to reach out to them. Dyer also said they could use their blast emails through RecDesk.

School Bus Update

Blaisdell asked about school bus pricing update. Thompson said they haven’t gotten back to her. She said she spoke to them last week and will reach out again.

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Pavilion Update

Members discussed the substantial cost difference between building a stand-alone pavilion vs. an attached pavilion. Longchamps said the stand-alone style pavilion is roughly half the cost of the attached style. Members discussed building a breezeway after the possibility of the stand-alone pavilion was built, and agreed to revisit the subject at a later meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for 6/15/2022.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Submitted By:

Jessica Manning
Recording Secretary