

RECREATION COMMISSION

Town of Sandown, NH

Recreation Commission

Meeting Date: April 5, 2023

Meeting Location: Rec Building

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Members Present: Chairman George Blaisdell; Darren Hudgins, ex officio; Ben Sharpe; Chris Longchamps

Also Present: Becky Thompson, Rec Director

Members Not Present: Heidi Dyer

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

Hudgins made a motion to accept minutes as written from March 15, 2023.

Motion By: Hudgins

Seconded By: Longchamps

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion of new business begins.

Refund Request Forms

Sun Salutations

Instructor got sick and the class couldn't be rescheduled, and refund for \$80.

Senior Strength

Active Senior class, refund for \$320.

Summer Camp Update

Inclusion Counselor

Thompson is hosting interviews of counselors May 9, 2023, and explained the importance of also hiring an Inclusion Counselor, hoping to provide extra assistance for campers who may need varying degrees of extra help. Thompson has a person in mind, who she and Mandy agree is very qualified for the position. The potential Inclusion Counselor is asking \$16 per hour, and Thompson feels that is an appropriate rate for her. Hudgins asked if parents pay extra for this service, and Thompson said they cannot ask parents to do that. Longchamps felt the rate of pay should be equal to that of counselors, which is \$15 per hour. Thompson reminded that they already have kids signed up who qualify for extra help, and that she feels it is important to be an inclusive summer camp, as there is always a need for that. Thompson said she has not held the interview yet, and wanted to check with the Commission first. Members and Thompson discussed the specific job description of the Inclusion Counselor, and whether she would take on the role of a regular counselor if the "extra help" was not needed. Members gave consensus to interview her.

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54 **Miller Fields / Sandown Central Field**

55 Sharpe explained which fields needed material, such as loam or stone dust, and each field's
56 specific maintenance requirements, stating that C-Field needs the most work. Members discussed
57 fence maintenance, and Sharpe said baseball would be responsible for batting cage repairs. Sharpe
58 explained that Select Excavation will be working on the fields Monday, and is doing the work for
59 cost, totaling approximately \$2,000 for everything, including Central Field. Blaisdell felt that they
60 should not be working on Central Field since it is not town-owned land. Blaisdell also asked if
61 baseball will be contributing to that, and Sharpe said that Rec Dept. pays for it, but baseball gets the
62 volunteers. Thompson and members discussed budget for field maintenance, and what that covers.

63 Thompson said they also have to get safety woodchips for the Rec Building playground,
64 which is included in that line-item on the budget, and members discussed the need, cost, and
65 availability of safety woodchips. Thompson said she will get more quotes. Members discussed
66 adding sand, and money left in the budget for other projects. Blaisdell cautioned against spending
67 so much of the budget so early in the year, but said he was in favor of spending \$1500 for field
68 maintenance, and Longchamps agreed. Blaisdell also said it would be very helpful to have a set
69 agreement of what is Rec's responsibility and what is baseball's responsibility moving forward, and
70 suggested meeting with baseball at the end of the season. Sharpe agreed, and stated that it will be
71 especially helpful for everyone.

72 Members discussed tree maintenance that needs to happen before the start of baseball, and
73 Blaisdell said he would speak to Lynne about it. Thompson shared that she bought 2 more "no
74 dogs" signs for fields. Members discussed road maintenance, cleaning of the snack shack, and
75 parking.

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77 Hudgins made a motion to allow up to \$1500 for the materials for Miller Field.

78 ***Motion By:*** Hudgins

79 ***Seconded By:*** Longchamps

80 ***In Favor:*** All

81 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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83 **Mowing RFP**

84 Members opened, reviewed, and discussed 4 bids for quotes for mowing. Thompson said she used
85 the previous mowing requests as a guide for the current bids.

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87 Blaisdell made a motion to accept the CBC Outdoor Services mowing contract for \$12,329 for the
88 term of 3 years.

89 ***Motion By:*** Blaisdell

90 ***Seconded By:*** Hudgins

91 ***In Favor:*** All

92 ***Motion passes unanimously.***

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94 **Porta-Potty Quotes for Summer 2023**

95 Thompson said she hoped for more quotes, but had only gotten 2 back so far. Thompson said she
96 does not want to go with who they went with last year, and Blaisdell recommended she still get a
97 quote from him. Members and Thompson discussed what they paid last year, and Thompson plans
98 to get more quotes and get back to them.

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Discussion of old business begins.

Programming Updates

Farmers Market

Thompson shared that she received positive feedback about the possible farmer's market, and has researched the rules and regulations used in other towns' farmer's markets. So far, they have 5 vendors interested, which Thompson will approve. Longchamps suggested leaving the final decision up to the Commission, taking the pressure off of Thompson. Hudgins suggested speaking to Old Home Day Committee regarding more vendors.

Fishing Derby

Thompson explained that she wanted to spend on promotional materials, and was thinking the cost would be \$200. Members and Thompson discussed items to giveaway, and Thompson suggested stickers on bags of chips and bubbles, or possibly a camping chair with a logo for a larger raffle item. Members gave consensus to allow.

Bingo

Thompson said there is so much going on with summer camp that she has not been able to plan the Bingo event yet, and will send Longchamps the information to assist in planning.

Trivia

Pop Culture themed Trivia Night is planned for May 5, 2023 from 6:30-8:00pm, teams are up to 5 people, and the cost is \$10 per team to cover the cost of food. Members discussed offering committees in town as teams, and participants are encouraged to come up with fun team names.

Blaisdell made a motion to adjourn.

Motion By: Blaisdell

Seconded By: Hudgins

In Favor: All

Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023.

Submitted By:

Jessica Manning

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Recording Secretary