

HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Hanover Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jeff Graham, Kathy Boghosian, Darlene Branch, Dean Lacy, Amy Vienna, Kathi Whitmore

Staff Present: Hank Tenney, Liz Burdette

MEETING NOTES

1. **Approval of January 2012 Minutes (no meeting in February)** - Approved

2. **Public Input.**

None

3. **Pond Party**

Bill Young reported on the Pond Party held on February 10, 2013. Theme this year was "A Very Grimm Carnival" (Grimm's Fairy Tales). Party was postponed to Sunday 2/10 because of snow. The 15th Annual Party was one of the best with fresh new snow, 4 excellent slides, a superb castle, snow sculptures, a Crocodile parade, and an excellent Sunday crowd. Will revisit Saturday versus Sunday next year.

Summary, observations, future planning:

New: Snow making by CRREL. Penguin tube and luge slides. Expanded parade. Trash Can Drum demo on ice with Band. Flags on hill. PTO.

Dartmouth plows the pond (about \$20,000) and donates \$1,500. Town donates in kind services from Parks and Recreation, DPW and Police.

Castle cost has tripled: \$1,000 (2011), \$2,750 (2012), \$3,300 (2013)

Budget Revenue - \$6,800, Expenses - Pending

Discussed soliciting extra funding again next year.

Thank you letters sent out. Discussed how we might better recognize great volunteers and donators. Possibly "Tip of the Hat" at Town Board of Selectmen meeting.

Need organizers/leaders for the sleigh ride and games next year.

Thank you to the Recreation Board and Staff for the energy, hard work, and good fun. A special thank you to Sarah Young, John Wilmot and Liz Burdette for their industry, flexibility, organization and cheerful help.

4. **38th Annual Basketball Tournament**

A total of 92 teams participated in another successful tournament. Admissions collected \$5,500.

5. **Winter Programs**

Went well. Spring program is looking for a 5th/6th softball coach. Parents have volunteered to fill in for now.

6. **Hayes Farm Park**

The parking lot has work to do, and lights need to be added. Hopefully the fields will be ready for K-1 soccer this fall.

7. **New MyRec Website**

The new MyRec.com website is up and running. Credit cards are now accepted online with a small convenience fee of \$2.75. The current RecTrack system will remain until June 30.

8. **Special Events**

Wildlife Encounters was a great success.

9. Reports from Directors

Director, Hank Tenney

The Parks and Recreation Budget was approved by the Town Board of Selectmen.

The Town of Hanover is considering purchasing 44 Lebanon Street. The building could accommodate a basketball court, and allow more children to attend camps, dances, practice basketball, and the KAST kids would have a place to go if school was cancelled.

Assistant Director, Liz Burdette

Getting online registration using new MyRec.com website.

Facility Manager, Sherry Colfer

Written report submitted by Sherry

1. Facility rentals remain strong. The ILEAD Spring Session is about to begin with 12 classes being held at the Center. Other renters are seeing a upturn in enrollment numbers compared to last Spring and our party numbers are booking 2 - 4 reservations per weekend through April.
2. Our Middle Eastern Dance instructor, Gina Capposela, and her students are putting on a free dance performance for the Seniors, and anyone else who wants to come, on Saturday March 16 at 6 pm. It will be the entertainment following the Senior dinner put on by the Hanover Brownies. Gina is staging this performance to thank the Senior Center for allowing her students to use the Senior Lounge to create and dew their performance costumes throughout the year.
3. Spring Brochure has been distributed and most programs are seeing the usual spring slump with lower registrations.
4. Our wildlife Encounters program, followed by a cupcake decorating party this past Friday was a huge success. We had 167 attend with 140 being paying customers and 27 being 3 and under. We received many compliments on the event and everyone had a great time. Fortunately for Liz and I we also had a great Youth In Action staff help us out by running the cupcake decorating tables and helping to clean up.
5. To-date we have collected reservation revenue totaling \$48,112 (80% of the budgeted revenue) for the fiscal year 2012-13. Last year at this time we were at \$50,815.

KAST Program Director, Nicole Leonard

Written Report submitted by Nicole

Enrollment for March:

Explorers: Mon 39, Tues 42, Wed 49, Thurs 47 and Fri 36

Adventurers: Mon 23, Tues 25, Wed 35, Thurs 25 and Fri 12

Special Events & Field Trips:

- Bri Barnes has taken over the Town Tour group. So far she has taken a group ice skating at Occom Pond and on an a scavenger hunt through the Town of Hanover, their final clue led them to Gelato.
- Steve Ferraris from Norwich VT visited KAST on Monday, February 25th to demonstrate drumming techniques. He set up 12 drums and everyone in the audience (including the staff) had a chance to try out a drum. Last week Steve offered the 1st of 10 drumming lessons to interested KAST students. We will end our session with Steve by offering a performance for parents on Wednesday, April 3rd.
- Adventurers will go on their first field trip since Winter Outdoor Adventurers began. We will be visiting the Lebanon Airport (this is a trip that was rescheduled a few months ago).

Jeff Graham, Board Chairperson suggested Recreation Board members tour the facilities this spring.

8. New Business

None

9. Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting – April 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.