

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2011
Starbard Building

Members Present: Lisa Post, Carmelo Bazzano, Erin O'Neil Bradbury
Members Absent: Richard Anderson, Susan Serewicz
Others Present: Denise Morano, Recreation Director
Dee Anne Grebinar, Recording Secretary

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm

MINUTES: A motion was made by Erin and seconded by Lisa to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2010 meeting.

The Recreation Committee minutes for November 9, 2010 were accepted as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Programs:

Before/After School Programs

We currently have 212 children enrolled in the Before/After School Programs being held in the three elementary schools:

Davis Hill – 47 in the morning and 36 in the afternoon

Mayo - 25 in the morning and 37 in the afternoon

Dawson – 38 in the morning and 29 in the afternoon

Denise said she had sent a note home to parents excusing them from payment for the week ending February 4, 2011 due to all the snow days and the alternate care that they needed to pay for at this time. Lisa mentioned that February 16th is now a full day of school; the teachers need the time for MCAS preparation due to all the days off because of the weather.

Adult Programs

A list of classes with a description of the classes was handed out to the committee members.

Kettlebell starting March 3rd - 12 enrolled and 5 on wait list. Carmelo asked if kettlebells will be provided and Denise said no, that people will be purchasing their own. Healthy Steps – The LeBed Method – 2 enrolled – Denise commented that it is a class for people with low mobility who may have been ill or had surgery. “Calm Down” – started January 19 with 10 participants – it is a meditation class. Zumba (Tuesdays and Thursdays) started in January – 46 enrolled; KOGA started January 4th – 18 enrolled; 3CPYo started January 4th – 4 registered; Yoga for Every “Body” began January 6th – 24 registered; Hatha Yoga (Tuesday and Thursday mornings) began February 1st with 25 registered participants; Zumba on Monday afternoons for town employees started January 31st with 9 enrolled; Zumba with Boot Camp will start March 10 – 2 registered so far; five new card making and scrapbooking classes will begin March 10th.

Denise commented on the great participation for the adult classes. She feels people are committed to their New Year's resolutions and reimbursements from health insurance companies keep people involved.

Skateboard Park:

The Skateboard Park Committee and members of the community met with Mark Leone from Hardcore Skateparks to gather public input into designing Holden's park. Members of the public completed questionnaires regarding the type of park and what features they would like to have included. A second meeting is scheduled with Mark to review his designs on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Senior Center. All are welcome to attend. Lisa asked if we have paid any money to Hardcore, and Denise said we have made the initial payment of \$3,500 for the design work. Denise commented that she told Mark to be sure the design was portable just in case the site needed to be changed. We will own the designs once they have been paid for. Carmelo commented that it seems like an expensive project for the low numbers and interest that he saw at the initial meeting with Hardcore. The Committee does not feel that money to build the park will be approved by the town and thinks that some type of major fundraising should be addressed by the Skateboard Park Committee.

On-Line Registration

Denise met with the Selectboard members on Monday, February 7, 2011 to discuss the Recreation Department providing on-line registration for our classes. They approved it, and now the Finance Committee needs to approve the appropriation of dollars because it is not presently in the budget. All fees would increase \$3.00 to cover the program expenses. There are still a lot of unanswered questions regarding this process. There will be one Saturday registration on May 14, 2011 from 9-11 a.m. Only 25% of available slots for classes will be held for walk-ins, so the department will be encouraging on-line registration. Lisa asked if residents will be able to buy recreation passes on-line and Denise said yes, but Holden residents will need to come to the office to pick up the passes and show proof of residency. Non-residents must pay cash for their passes at the office.

Summer:

The summer brochure is 75% complete. Dates need to be adjusted because of the numerous school cancellations. New information explaining the on-line registration process will be in the brochure.

We will be calling last year's summer staff to determine our staffing needs. Last year's staff gets first choice to return before we hire new staff.

Recreation passes will go on sale Friday, April 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. We will have 400 non-resident passes like in the past. Prices for all passes may be increasing by \$3.00 if approval is received from the finance committee to do on-line registration.

Miscellaneous:

Erin asked if there were any problems at the pool due to the snow (i.e. rooftops).

Denise said things appear to be fine for now.

Lisa wanted to confirm that there was no AM program at the Before / After School Program if there was a 2-hour delay and no PM program on an early release day.

Denise said that is correct.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on March 8, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Starbard Building.