

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2011  
Starbard Building

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

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Erin and seconded by Carmelo to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting.

The minutes of the February 8, 2011 were accepted unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Programs:**

Adult Programs

Denise reported on the Adult Program numbers for the current sessions. Some classes started last week and some are due to start this week. 3CPYo on Thursday evenings has 20 registered; Yoga for Every "Body" is being offered both Tuesday and Thursday evenings and has 25 enrolled; Koga on Tuesday evenings 11 registered; Kettlebell on Thursdays is sold out with 12 registered; Zumba Tuesday evenings 26 registered; Zumba with Boot Camp on Thursdays 17 registered; Hatha Yoga on Tuesday and Thursday mornings is sold out on both mornings with 25 participants combined (they are in the middle of a session, new one to start in April); the Spring has Sprung card class this Thursday (March 10) has 4 registered.

Denise commented on the great participation for the adult classes.

Before/After School Programs

We currently have 219 children enrolled in the Before/After School Programs being held in the three elementary schools:

Davis Hill – 49 in the morning and 38 in the afternoon

Mayo - 24 in the morning and 37 in the afternoon

Dawson – 39 in the morning and 32 in the afternoon

Denise commented about what a good job the staff is doing at the schools. We had two unannounced visits from the state inspector, one at Dawson and one at Mayo. There were a couple of non-compliance issues which were minor and Denise has addressed them. The cords on the blinds at Dawson needed to be tied up and at Mayo the trash needed a lid and diagrams needed to be posted to show where the emergency exits are. These do not appear to be issues for the schools (Department of Education), but they are for our program which is stricter (Department of Early Education and Care). Denise goes through the principals to get the issues corrected and they are very cooperative. Carmelo confirmed with Denise that the license we obtain for the programs is issued through the state.

**Summer:**

A draft of the 2011 summer brochure is included in your packet. It has gone to the printer. The pool will be open on weekends starting June 4-5. Erin asked if the schools are doing 5<sup>th</sup> grade parties and Denise said she had been contacted by both Dawson and Mayo. The

parties are held on the day before the last day of school. Beginning with the summer programs and recreation passes, all programs, passes and fees will be increased by \$3.00 to cover the anticipated costs of offering on-line registrations with our new software management system. Pool passes will go on sale Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Residents can complete paperwork and pay on-line, but they will need to come to the office to verify residency, bring their receipt and pick up their passes. Non-residents must come to the office to buy their passes, because the software program cannot limit the number of passes available. There are only 400 non-resident passes available, and they must be paid for with cash or a money order. Currently people can go on to the web site and set up for an account in preparation of using the web site for registrations. We will offer on-line as well as walk-in registration for the summer programs. Registration will begin Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. simultaneously for either walk-ins (to be held at the Senior Center) or on-line. 25% of the available slots for each class will be reserved for walk-ins, while 75% will be offered on-line. Phone calls have been made to last year's staff to see if they are interested in returning this summer and an advertisement has been placed for summer staff. Sue asked what age the staff needs to be and Denise said she prefers them to be at least 16 years old and lifeguards to be 17. Sometimes she'll hire a lifeguard who is 16 if they have enough experience. Staff must be enthusiastic, honest and have a friendly personality. Erin asked about whether the rule for children younger than 12 not being allowed at the pool alone is published and Denise said it was in the summer brochure on the last page under Recreation Department Policy.

### **Miscellaneous:**

The Skateboard Park Committee met prior to the Recreation Committee Meeting this evening. Denise reported that the project has been moved out of fiscal year 2012 and moved to fiscal year 2013 by the Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee and Town Manager. There were 2 skate park builders at the meeting who spoke about being able to build a skate park in stages. Part of the current design could be used to start the park and then built off of in the future. They want Denise to find out if the committee raises \$10,000, could they use the balance of the Skateboard Park money in the Recreation account (\$20,000) to build part of the park this year at Eagle Lake.

The dog park is no longer a project for the Recreation Department.

The field assignments for the spring season have been forwarded to all the league directors. Denise said that the fields will probably not be available for use by the end of March.

Erin asked about the water leak at the pool. Denise said she had the caulking in the family pool replaced and is hoping that will take care of the problem.

Carmelo asked whether beach soccer could be played at Eagle Lake and Denise said there really would not be enough room for that.

Erin commented on the Zumba class that the children are taking at Davis Hill after school with the gym teacher and how fantastic it is for the children. Denise commented that even some of the After School children are participating and loving it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on April 12, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Starbard Building.**