

Lyme Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes  
June 22, 2009  
Lyme Center Academy Building  
6:00pm

Attendees: Dina Cutting, Pete Mulvihill, Bob Couture, Steve Small

Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

**General Business**

Discussion on the policy and procedures for the minutes per town Committee Handbook.

Steve Small reported financial situation. Made a little money on basket ball, lost a little more on spring sports

Play soccer ready for August

Labor Day LATE this year...will need to start soccer early. Pete and Steve aware

Nice benches were donated to town and are in use at the ball field. Able to be moved to soccer too. The Commission wishes to thank the donor for their generosity.

Cooch followed up with the wasp situation on the tennis courts. No wasps to be found.

Paul Sansone and Jocelyn Bowen both have expressed interest in the committee.

Cross roads field – dry spring. Has not been mowed yet, but it should be. Dina will ask the Selectmen to address this.

In lieu of the current situation at the beach/ball field, we need to consider extending our agreement with Cross Roads for use of that field. Need to start communication with Cross Roads and create an agreement meeting our long term needs.

Thing to think about – bike path between Post Pond and Lyme Green

**Beach /Ball Field Project**

Permit is coming to town office Tue 6/23, available to the public to view.

Donations received to date: \$24,959.00. Still waiting on the rest.

No unexpected costs to this date at all.

John Balch has passed away (father of John Balch, who the John Balch Memorial Field is named in memory of). They have asked all donations made in his honor be made to the town toward the maintenance and up keep of the ball field. This committee thanks the Balch family, and extends our sympathies.

Bob Couture moved to go to Non Public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Seconded by Dina Cutting. Unanimous vote by roll call at 6:45pm. No general public present and therefore nobody needed to be asked to leave.

Dina briefed the Commission on the current lawsuit Morrisey et al vs. Town of Lyme and NH state agencies.

Bob Couture moved to go back in to Public session at 6:59pm. Seconded by Dina Cutting. Unanimous voted.

Open position: Paul Sansone and Jocelyn Bowen. Paul approached town first, Jocelyn second. Committee recognizes both as great candidates, but decided to suggest Paul to the select board as he was the first offer. But will ask Jocelyn to join as an alternate.

Cooch provided an update to the loon nest he found on Post Pond.

First noticed it on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> (Loon sitting on the nest, watched it crawl off and slide down the approx 2 foot long path to the water and get out). Water at the stake at the boat launch was at 1.4 feet (that's 1 foot 4.8 inches).

Went back checking on it on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Nothing sitting on the nest, but didn't approach it.

While back at the boat launch, he met our area biologist for the Loon Preservation Society. A woman from Grantham named Suzy (he doesn't know her exact spelling).

Cooch discussed loon with her, and offered to show her the nest, so they both paddled out to the nest, where she approached it. Found two eggs, completely intact, but laying

on the ground beside the nest, under 5 or 6 inches of water. The nest however was completely above the water and dry. As they were intact, and beside the nest, she suspects the loon pushed them out intentionally, for some reason unknown at this point.

Suzy picked them up and put them back in the nest, but was going to check with her superior and find out if she should take the eggs back for studies, as she figured they were no longer viable for hatching. Cooch did not know whether she ended up leaving them there, or if she did go back and get them.

Suzy thought that if the loons pushed them out intentionally, that it might be because they weren't viable, but that they still had plenty of time to lay more eggs for this year by starting over (likely in the same nest).

Cooch has not had time to follow up and see if the Loon accepted the eggs put back, or if they re-laid more eggs or what.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for 6pm at LCAB on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Respectfully submitted by,

Bob Couture