

Recreation Commission
11-28-2011
6:00PM at the Lyme Center Academy Building
Approved 1-23-2012

Present at this meeting was: Charles Ragan, Selectmen Rep: Peter Mulvihill, Dina Cutting and Stephen Small, Rec Director

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

1. Recreation Directors Report:
 - Steve reported on the soccer season. He recommended the Rec. Commission consider increasing the fees for soccer. Rough estimates because all bills have not been paid as of this date: \$3,800.00 in revenues and \$3,600.00 in expenses for the 2011 soccer season. It was the sense of the commission to wait until all expenses were made and revisit this topic at the January 2012 meeting.
 - Again the need to consider fundraising was discussed. The sports programs need to pay for themselves. Right now the only way to make this happen is to pass any additional equipment, supplies and scholarships cost on to the parents. In the past the Recreation Commission has hosted Basketball tournaments, adult soccer events, fundraising dinners ect. to raise additional funds for these purposes.....We need to think about what can be done!
 - Skiing is in the process of sign ups. Dina mentioned the intent of the Rec. Commission was to have the snowboarding pay for itself separate from Skiing. At a previous discussion it was the sense of the commission to have this program be able to support itself. Generally Steve has to hire instructors because of the lack of volunteers to teach snowboarding. This adds a significant cost to the snowboarding end of the winter sports costs. Steve has sent out all winter sports forms so this will need to be re-visited for the next winter sports season.
2. Pete mentioned the frustration with the very wet field this year. The water level of Post Pond was discussed. The Rec. Commission would like the Selectmen to discuss according to the water release policy, how the water level needs to be tracked and the water release policy applied. It is the sense of the commission to have one person doing this so there is a consistent knowledge of it. Charles will bring this to the Selectmen at the next meeting.
3. The timing of the use of Crossroads field was discussed. Pete will check in with Crossroads to make sure things are still set and okay for the use of the field next spring, summer and fall if needed, prior to the construction work on the Balch field.
4. Steve reported he found a shed for about \$500.00 for the Rec. equipment at the School. Because the revolving fund has a balance of roughly \$3,500.00 the funds are available. Steve noted there is no hurry now but would like to get the shed for the spring sports season. This will be addressed and a decision will be made at the January meeting.

5. The Rec. Commission reviewed the notice to be sent out to the community via the list serve. Some minor changes were made. Pete will make these changes and the note will be sent out.
6. Pete moved and Charles seconded the approval of the minutes to the September 27th, 2011 meeting. Voted unanimously in favor.

There being no further business Pete moved to adjourn at 7:10Pm Seconded by Charles. Voted unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dina Cutting