

**\*\*Please Note: Items to be placed on the Meeting Agenda must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the preceding Friday\*\***

# MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## ADVISORY BOARD

### ***Mission Statement***

The mission of the Advisory Board to the Moultonborough Recreation Department is to provide the public a standard of excellence in programs and services in a cooperative spirit that encourages participation in recreation, sport and leisure activities, while carefully promoting and utilizing recreational resources and facilities available in the community.

### ***Purpose***

The principal function of the Advisory Board is to serve as a communication bridge between the Recreation Director, the Board of Selectmen and the Community and to promote programs and services to encourage support from our community through input and participation.

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Monday, April 9, 2012  
7:00 P.M.  
Recreation Department

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present: Celeste, Al, Donna K, Carla, Chris Shipp. Excused Morgen Gillis. Dan Surgeon joined at 7:15**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. REVIEW / APPROVAL MINUTES: Celeste made the motion to approve the Minutes. Carla Seconded. Approved. Chris abstained.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Al brought up the accord btw then school and BOS regarding taping the meetings and wanted to know if the Board wanted to move to the Davis Hall. After a brief discussion regarding the cable company that will air the meetings it was decided that meetings would be moved to Town Hall. Al will contact Town Hall to check on availability for either the first or second Monday of the month.

a. Right to Know Law: Al handed out copies to all who needed one. The group decided to look it over and review it for the next month.

b.Score board update: Discussion centered on how to raise the money while including the community. Several ideas were brought up for fundraising. Al and Donna raised

the point that the Board itself can't raise money. Chris pointed out that several quasi government bodies, such as the police and fire departments, hold fundraisers, so we should look more closely into the issue. Carla thought maybe the PTA could hold the money but Chris brought up a concern that it would turn into a PTA project. But he is more concerned that whatever comes in gets earmarked for this specific project. Al suggested that we send a letter to Carter asking for suggestions. Donna added the Recreation Dept. no longer has a fundraising "arm" that it used to have the with the Friends. Chris brought up that we still need to decide if we're going for one corporate sponsor or multiple individual sponsors. Celeste thought one sponsor would be ideal. Carla said this project was brought up to be a bridge to the community and should include everyone. She also pointed out that Playground Drive will eventually need lights and that might be another project for the RAB. Donna said some money has been set aside for that project. Chris said there's infinite ways to fundraise so we need to pick something. Carla would like something creative, like a bonfire, that would encompass the community and families it would benefit. Meredith does the homerun derby. Donna thought we could do a basketball derby with foul shots. Al questioned what the cost would be and Carla said \$4,100 with shipping. Al then asked about a penny drive and Donna said we could try to fill the gym floor with pennies. Carla agreed and added it would be great for the kids' portion of the fundraising. We could put jars out in the community. Chris brought up the idea of varying levels of sponsorship with listing them on a plaque. Carla thinks a big donation would be \$100.00. Al went back to Playground Drive and thought a cover on the rink would be great and Chris added that a shed would be very helpful. Al suggested selling bricks like the "Nick does. Chris went back to donation levels and thought maybe \$500.00 should be the maximum. Carla thinks we should start with the penny drive then move onto to community sponsors. Donna added that the total amount needed is not very high so we may not need to ask for much from any one group. There was some disagreement with the ease of fundraising with Carla and Al thinking it will be easier than what Chris believes. Carla added that this is a new concept for the town so selling the idea might be difficult. Al then asked if our deadline was 2 months. Chris would like members to think of concrete ideas between now and the next meeting. Al likes Donna's penny idea and thinks the

town will be generous. Carla thinks we need to direct our fundraising to the proper market, which is the parents. Chris went back to the fact that we need to ask Carter about the fundraising vehicle. Donna then told Al to ask how we would direct fundraising for a specific item. Carla then asked again about the PTA and Chris pointed out that we asked the BOS if we could do this as a Board not as the PTA. Carla also said the sign will actually come from the Moultonborough Academy Athletic Fund because they'll order it through their contact and get a better price so we're giving them the money. It was the same with the basketball hoops. The PTA wrote the check to Harry because his fund ordered them. Al will talk to Carter and let members know individually. Carla will ask Harry as well. Chris thought running it by John Tolman would be helpful. Al then asked Chris what he thought of the end of the school year deadline and he agreed that is ideal but may not be feasible. It would be nice if AAU could use it over the summer but it may not be up by then. Carla said this is our "grand opening" in terms of funding projects so she wants to make sure it all gets done properly. Al moved the project to next month's agenda.

Carla then brought up the hearing and voiced her disappointment that the whole Board was not introduced. She felt it wasn't unified even though Chris did bring up that it was her idea. Chris disagreed by stating he was informed through email that he would be making the presentation so he prepared for it and then in the parking lot was told Carla was going to be doing the presentation. Al said he should have introduced himself as the Chair and then gone down the line and then Chris should have spoken. Chris apologized if he didn't introduce everybody but given the late notice he had to change things around. Al added that there was some confusion surrounding Chris getting the night off. Chris added he was informed he was representing the Board and Carla agreed that is what was decided at the meeting he wasn't able to attend. Carla wants to make sure we seem unified. Chris pointed out that Carla spoke as well and she could have made introductions. Carla and Chris disagreed with the importance of the introductions.

v. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Term Limit Updates: Al brought up the issue with the BOS and stated they were going to May as the expiration month for some reason. Celeste informed that every position in the Town is going to a June end month. Chris's term is now changed to June 30, 2014. Carla is 2015 because she just re-upped. Al is the 1 with the 2-2-1 rotation.

Al also asked about the Alternate position and who would make the person permanent. If one person resigns and we have an alternate then we recommend to the BOS that they make the appointment. Chris added that the position has been advertised. Donna confirmed that it is the BOS who needs to make the appointment. Celeste read the BOS minutes as well and also confirmed that they would take our recommendation at face value.

- b. RAB help for Community Resource Fair: Donna related that it is the first Friday of June and had over 100 visitors and 30 vendors last year so needs help either sitting at the MRD table or helping out with refreshments. Al heard from several of his customers that they were surprised by all that was offered. Al and Celeste both will volunteer. Carla inquired if there was any prep work she could help with and Donna will find out at the next meeting which is next Tuesday. Four departments are involved with the Fair: MRD, visiting nurses, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

- VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT: Al asked about what happened with the RRF at Town Meeting. Donna answered that it is now in place and, as was planned, all user fees will now go into the fund and all revenue producing events will be paid out of the fund. This would not include staff except for tennis and swimming instructors. Over time this will make programs more self-sufficient but it will take some time for Donna, Heidi and Carol to get the details worked out.

Al asked if there was anything else she'd like to highlight in the Report. MRD is getting into their busy time in terms of job applications and summer programs. She also let the board know that, on Dan's first day, their computers crashed so they are behind on the summer brochure but the data was recovered and they will get it to the printer soon.

If anyone is available help could also be used for the Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run taking place on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. It starts at 3:30. Dan added that John Tolman and Paul Atwell will also come help with their middle level athletes.

Chris expressed his daughter's disappointment about the father daughter dance being canceled and questioned what happened. Donna replied that they only had 9 sign up and she never felt community enthusiasm for the event this year that usually occurs. Some people did express that it's a very busy time of year and Chris asked about adjusting the date by a few weeks. Donna explained that it started on a Friday around Valentine's Day but between Winter Days and basketball it was hard to fit in and so last year moved it to the "Spring Fling." Now they're going to put out feelers for next year for either a Saturday in the Winter or a Friday in the Spring. Donna explained that 20 really was a bare minimum or it's just not fun for the girls. Al asked if it was the economy and Donna thinks it's more busy schedules.

Carla brought up that her daughter Abigail is now the only pitcher so she is unable to work the clinics. She also asked about the long term goal for softball since ML and JV is really hurting at the academy. Donna stated that Dan called a coach's meeting and the number one issue was how to make this fun to get the kids excited again about playing. But, we're competing against more sports coupled with the slight drop in enrollment and MRD numbers are down as well. Chris asked about team sizes since he recalled last year's team being huge and his daughter would only get up at bat once per game. That was a deciding factor in switching to Meredith. Dan explained that they switched to a Grade 4-6 set up to make two small teams with 21 girls. They are setting up a policy where girls can play on either team if others are absent. Donna

added that they also didn't get the 7 they thought would return from Sandwich. Only one came back and the rest are going to dance instead. Games are being scheduled with other Carroll County towns and between the 2 teams and the jerseys are the same with just different colored writing. Chris asked about the size difference due to the new spread. Dan stated that other towns use the same setup. Donna added that she is hoping there will be enough coaches at practices to bring up the 4<sup>th</sup> graders and advance the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to get up to the next level. Several expressed concern about younger girls not paying attention and Carla said parents need to work with their girls if they're not infield material. Dan said numbers are a concern at the 1-3 level. There are 16 or 17 girls but only 2 third graders that returned. They have 4 games scheduled so far. Chris then asked if they looked at the numbers based on the old brackets. Dan answered that 1-2 would have been solid with 10. Grades 3 and 4 would have been hurting with 8 or 9. Grades 5-6 would have been fine with 12-13 even though there's only one 5<sup>th</sup> grader playing. In the next couple years MRD will have to use this set-up again based on projected numbers.

Al then brought up the BOS that he attended when they were talking about Dan and that they were impressed by the way he jumped right into the job and Al expressed that he should keep up the good work.

- VII. CITIZEN INPUT: None
- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA: Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> or the 7<sup>th</sup> if Town Hall is not available. Dan questioned why we couldn't tape here and Chris explained that, in Laconia, it's live so that's why it can't be done @ MRD.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT: Celeste moved. Chris seconded. Adjourned at 7:55.