

****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.

Monday, June 18, 2012
7:00 P.M.
Davis Room, Town Hall

Draft Minutes

Present: Celeste Burns, Al Hume, Carla Taylor, Dan Sturgeon, Donna Keuthe

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Al called the Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. REVIEW / APPROVAL MINUTES: Celeste made the motion to approve the Minutes. Carla seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Press Release for scoreboard: Al started the discussion with a question regarding the penny drive. Celeste gave the amount to date as \$198.00. She also explained that she declared Mr. Stackhouse's room as the early winner of the pizza party with 24 pounds of pennies but Mrs. Shipp's class came in first with 28 pounds of pennies. Rick Whiting volunteered to bring in a large jar of pennies to make it a tie. Celeste volunteered to pay for one party and Carla and Al will pay for the other. She also gratefully acknowledged the nice deal Skip Skelley gave her on the pizzas and each party cost \$27.00. Al then asked about the phases of the project with the first being the kids then the penny carnival then the community plaque donations. Donna and Dan jointly

explained that the penny carnival will be on July 18th during regular camp time at playground drive and happy campers will be invited over. Teen Adventure will set up the event and small prizes will be handed out. Kids will pay a penny per game. The Rec. Dept. will make up the flyer for the carnival.

Carla will touch base with Donna Tatro to make sure the donation request is on the website. Celeste added that the flyer with the request at the bottom is posted. Celeste handed out the draft press release. Celeste will check with Lois to see if the checks can be mailed directly to the MA and will ask how to keep track of the donations. Celeste suggested having her keep them in an envelope and taking turns meeting with her once a week. Donna and Carla made some other suggestions on the wording. Celeste will make the changes and send back out to individual members. Al also offered to send out the thank you cards to donors. It was decided that the release should be sent out as soon as possible. Carla brought up that Morgen offered to make a tri-fold and inquired if she would still be making it. Celeste will contact Morgen to confirm.

b. Review of Summer Meeting Schedule: All members agreed to keep the schedule with no meeting in July and reconvening on August 13th. Donna said that her group has their end of the summer staff get-together on that day so no one from the MRD will be available.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report by Al regarding meeting with BOS re. Davis Room: Al stated that he is all set being in charge of the room for our meeting dates and also confirmed that we're on the Town's calendar for meeting in the Davis Room the 2nd Monday of each month.
- b. Scoreboard discussion – fundraising et al: In a continuation of the above discussion Al stated that he thinks many in the town will support the Board's efforts. Donna added that MA has gone through 3 boards since the MCS one was installed and many know of the issues we've faced.

VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT: Donna handed out her report and highlighted the following: Softball and T-ball are done. Athletes did very well in Pitch, Hit and Run and 8 went to Concord with 6 placing. Hershey Track has a huge turnout this year. The District Meet is July 2nd. Joe Smith is the only one

who's made it to the National Level to date. Dan will be chaperoning at the National Event in PA. Fells Estate and Lake Sunapee was a great trip and Cabbage Island is next. Adult softball is starting next week. OAR is getting started with various outdoor activities. Community Services Fair was a success. Donna T is running an adult fitness class at playground drive. Touch a Truck was a huge event with 75 participants. The MRD is looking for volunteers to help with the Great Park Pursuit activities scheduled for July 28th from 10:00-2:00. MRD is hosting a Summer concert event on July 18th. It'll be a free concert with a hat passed around for the band. It is the New Horizons of the Lakes Region and some local people play in it including Jane Fairchild and Ken Greenbaum. Donna hopes it is the beginning of bringing back concerts and to that end met with Meredith and Sandwich to propel the idea forward as a multi-town event that would hopefully allow us to get high quality entertainment. Training has been intense for the summer staff with a week long program plus once a week in service training for some staff. Numbers are good for Happy Campers, a little down on RECKing crew. Tennis is the only program that's hurting. Al asked about a swim team. MRD does not run one but the swim instructor, Laura, teaches competitive skills for both kids and adults. Beaches will be open with guards next weekend. Soccer registrations are due August 20th. Volleyball is due August 21st.

At the NHRPA banquet on May 18th the Community Services Team won the very competitive Excellence in Programming Award and also won the Aquatics Award for Aquatics Programming Excellence. The program includes adaptive swim lessons, adult aerobics, Winnepesaukee minnows, and competitive swim. MRD also won 2 first place awards in photography contests. Dan took one of the award winning photos.

Celeste brought up that she spoke with Carter about having an annual notice of the meetings rather than posting a new one monthly and she will post that for August through June. Al asked if the notice on the calendar at Town Hall counts as posting or if that's only for scheduling. With no one sure he said he would follow up.

Carla inquired how softball went this year and about the Carroll County tournament in particular. Dan thought it went well overall with a good commitment with the players with the use of the player exchange. Celeste brought up her concern about this year's 3rd graders not being ready to play more competitively next year in part due to all the cancellations that level had. Carla brought up whether we could have clinics throughout the winter for interested kids to come and practice the fundamentals. Carla brought up her husband's passion for coaching softball and that he'd help. Dan added that Tom DiFonzo would also be willing to help. He also added that we'll start with Gilford next year at the lower level due to the great experience the girls had with them. Donna also discussed the last minute loss of 7 Sandwich players at the 4-6 level and that's why they devised the shirts so that the coaches could have an exchange pool to pick from.

Carla then asked if there was any way to bring baseball back. Donna said that their (Meredith's) philosophy is just not consistent with MRD's. They also are too focused on travel and all-star teams. Carla added that softball is run similarly. Donna said that MRD has been discussing a program for those kids who aren't either ready or don't want to play in such a competitive league and maybe having pick-up baseball one night and the same for softball. Moultonborough also has no place to play if they took the program back. Carla understands the MRD's philosophy but wants the youth sports side to be more sports oriented over time and to offer more for kids who want to be more competitive.

VII. CITIZEN INPUT: None

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: August 13, 2012

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Celeste made the Motion to Adjourn at 8:04. Carla seconded. Motion carried.