

****Please Note: Items to be placed on the Selectmen's 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, January 9, 2012
7:00 P.M.
Recreation Department

Draft Minutes

Present: Carla Taylor, Chris Shipp, Celeste Burns, Donna Keuthe

Absent: Al Hume

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Carla Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **REVIEW / APPROVAL MINUTES:** Celeste made the Motion to Approve the Minutes of December 5, 2011. Carla seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Motion to make Morgen Gillis a full member of the Board. After determining that there was a quorum Celeste made the Motion to make Morgen a full member. Chris seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Input from Carla regarding the Sandwich Recreation Comm. Carla and Al attended the meeting in Sandwich. 3 members were there, 2 are moving on. Members are soliciting volunteers to help programs run. Leo Green is the entire Rec. Department in Sandwich and this is his 2nd year. They meet on an as needed basis. Chris inquired if the Boards were the same, meaning that they are a communication bridge as opposed to actively running the Rec. Dept. Carla believes that only play a supporting role and that

both boards are similar. Donna added that all rec. departments are different but they are collaborating on some projects such as a 2013 concert series with Sandwich and Meredith. Leo already has a big concert going on that he has tripled in size. For youth sports they are more aligned with Meredith but we do have some Sandwich kids in our programs. Donna also discussed Sandwich's Old Home Week. Carla brought up the idea of not meeting monthly for us and liked that Leo really utilizes his Board. Chris added that our Board could be better utilized, especially at Events where the Rec. Dept. staff can't be there. Donna agreed and said that, especially now, she would need help for some upcoming events. She recalled that at the 2009 Halloween party her staff was suddenly unable to run the event and Al and Jane Fairchild stepped in and it was a huge success. She also added that she'd like RAB members to be a bridge in a positive way in terms of suggesting different programs and not just dealing with negative feedback. Chris believes that the general public has no idea that we're on this Board and we should take on more active roles to have more of a presence. Donna agreed and hopes that the Board takes on an advocacy role for Rec. Dept. items. Chris also stated that the Board needs to start issuing opinions on warrant articles and other Rec. Dept. related issues. Donna will discuss the Revolving Fund, which will be a warrant article, at the next meeting so that the Board will be more well versed on the issue should people have questions. She will also discuss her budget and the \$95,000 reduction in her budget if the Article gets approved and how the user fees will offset it. She added that how ever the budget is approved it will not include any cuts in services.

c. Annual Report due January 13, 2012. Celeste handed out last year's (2010) report and asked if there was anything in particular people would like highlighted for the 2011 report. Chris thought it should mention that we are actively seeking new members and who is now on the Board.

d. Other new business:

Chris brought up a basketball game he attended over the weekend where the Moultonborough team absolutely dominated the Meredith team and won by 43-7. He is an advocate of equal playing time but questioned if there was anything in the rules that could've given the other team a break. Empowering the coaches to make changes is a part of sportsmanship and should be looked into. He also clarified that the coach was not trying to run up the score; the team was just that much better. Donna will check on this and review the rules. Celeste brought up that the Grades $\frac{3}{4}$ level reset the clock at each quarter or half to avoid this type of situation.

Donna brought up a request for patience with the Rec. Dept. as Dan gets up to speed with the youth sports programs. There were a few glitches on Saturday and they're

working through them. Donna Tatro is also becoming more involved and Donna K is getting back involved in Winter Days. While Hilary did leave great notes on the programs she ran, the transition away from her running the programs will take time.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report from AI re. papers filed in permanent record. Tabled until February due to AI's absence.

VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT.

Donna handed out her report. She touched on Youth Sports and the Youth Sports Nights, which are on the 11th and also in February. The drop-in program is back to 3 days. Roller skating trip is planned for the early release day and a tubing trip is planned for March 1st, weather permitting. Santa's workshop was hugely successful with 60 calls from Santa. Kids night out had 19 attendees. Tai chi demo tomorrow. Mentioned that this program was discontinued due to low numbers in the past and is not currently ongoing but people have requested that it be brought back. She then explained how they run some programs as contract programs meaning that they advertise and provide the space and consider it a rec. program but the money goes to the instructor. Yoga is different, they collect money and pay the instructor. They have not done many Senior programs due to being short staffed but have the Flower Show coming up that they run in conjunction with Meals on Wheels and it is scheduled for March 18th (?date). Winter Days starts this Friday. Skating will be in Wolfeboro if our rink is not ready.

Morgen revisited the vendor issue by asking if the MRD receives any money from the instructors. Donna answered in the affirmative and stated that they add on an additional fee if they are actually putting in any work to get the program going, such as handling registrations. Jazzercise was a great program because she paid the highest percentage but they lost the class. For something like soccer they don't add a fee because everything is handled online by the vendor.

Carla then brought up the scoreboard at MCS and the fact that it isn't being used. Donna stated that it has been unreliable so that's why they've gone to the table top kind. Carla brought up the idea of the RAB finding a way to fund a new one. Donna, Chris, Carla and Celeste noted that it's difficult for coaches and fans to see the score and you have to interrupt coaching to walk onto the court to view the scoreboard. Donna said the scoreboard is old and was an inexpensive one that money has already been spent on and it broke again. Carla informed that all are wireless now so a new one could be purchased with the MRD holding the remotes. Carla explained that the difficulty lies in

that Mike doesn't want one that advertizes for a company, such as coca cola, so we'd have to fundraise as opposed to getting one for free. Meredith has one that advertizes for a company. Celeste offered to talk to Rick about the status of the scoreboard. Carla believes Scott would also recall the conversation with Mike regarding the restrictions. Chris agreed that this would be an appropriate project for the RAB.

Carla broached the subject of the officials at the lower level. Riley Swedberg knows the game of basketball but is afraid to use the whistle and Carla questioned if Dan talks to them and lets them know it's okay, even if they blow a whistle 20 times in a half, it's a teaching tool for the kids. Donna has spoken to one of them but will make sure the officials know it's okay to instruct when calling fouls.

Carla revisited the issue of how to deal with issues that are brought up to RAB members to make sure all members had the same understanding. Chris believes the issues should be brought up at meetings for discussion and not addressed on the spot. Donna thinks there's 2 levels of addressing issues. If it's something egregious then the MRD should be contacted asap. Otherwise either the person with the issue should be asked to contact the MRD or come to a RAB meeting. Carla added that it's not necessarily our job to collect input from the community to bring it back to the RAB. She noted that we don't have any "citizen input" because people don't need to come if we're all bringing the information back. Donna agreed and added that it's the same with the seasonal staff, people should not feel entitled to ream out RAB members on an issue because of our affiliation with the MRD. Carla clarified her point by stating she wants to make sure RAB members are not taking out their notebook to jot down complaints to bring to the meetings. Chris countered by adding that, if people know we are RAB members, community members would naturally assume that if they tell us complaints we will do something about it. Celeste added that simple complaints are one thing but if it's of a serious nature then people have to put it in writing. Donna added that it's generally minor misunderstandings and anything Board members can do to quell those things would be helpful. Morgen suggested that emails be sent the day after glitches happen to offer a mea culpa. Chris thought this would be helpful to keep the coaches from taking the brunt of things like that as well. Donna agrees this would be a great communication tool and will look into.

VII. CITIZEN INPUT. None

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA. Monday, February 13, 2012

IX. ADJOURNMENT. Celeste made the motion to adjourn. Chris seconded. With all in favor Carla adjourned at 8:00 p.m.