

Moultonborough Recreation Department Advisory Board
Monday, September 8, 2008, 5:00 P.M. MEETING
Recreation Department

Draft Minutes

Call to Order at 5:10

Present: Becky Bryant, Joanne Farnham, Carla Taylor, Harry Blood, Hilary Bride, Karin Nelson joined the meeting at 5:20.

Since Cynthia was absent, it was agreed that Carla would be the voting member for this meeting.

- **Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2008 Meeting:** Motion was made by Harry Blood to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 meeting. Joanne Farnham seconded, motion carried.
- **Community Input** – There were no community members in attendance. Harry Blood reported being approached by several parents desiring a volleyball program for 5th and 6th grade students, possibly in the fall when there are more adults in the sport potentially available to assist. Becky Bryant reported also being approached on this topic. The recreation department will take under advisement.
- **Recreation Department Report-** Donna is on vacation, Hilary prepared and presented report in her absence. The Report will be entered into record as part of the minutes of this meeting.
- **Other Advisory Board Business** – Becky Bryant asked if the Recreation Department had any specific requests of the board at this time. Hilary Bride responded that continued marketing and support on behalf of the Department is all they ask of us at this time. It was discussed that as the summer programs are of such a different nature than the rest of the department's year, and because it is not a "Competitive season" that there are fewer issues that arise. With the beginning of fall sports and the sports season in general we can anticipate more community members coming to the board for assistance.

Hilary had reported a general lack of youth sports coaches in the younger grades. Some ideas were discussed as to how to encourage parents of the younger kids to get involved. Becky Bryant suggested some sort of info night on coaching so that timid potential coaches might understand what coaching entails and be more willing to step up. Hilary will look into doing something around this.

A part of the Recreation Department's Report Hilary had presented a draft "Player-Rise" Policy for the Board to review. The department was asking for Board input on this policy, and Hilary said that the Board's input on policies as the Department works on them is another important role we fill. Hilary had asked what the RAB feels it's role in the Player-Rise Policy would be. Karin Nelson indicated that she does not feel qualified to weigh in on enforcing such a policy. Harry Blood suggested that the Department look into the Tanner Scale, which is commonly used to objectively qualify student athletes under such a policy. Hilary said she would look into that. Becky Bryant stated that she felt the RAB's role would be to field concerns that come up from Community Members regarding such a policy, and to verify and communicate the grievance procedures were followed and that the policy was followed, but not to judge the decisions of the Recreation Department in following the steps of the policy.

Karin Nelson posed a question regarding the benefit and effectiveness of the Recreation Advisory Board, had we accomplished anything, added anything for the value of the time being put in? Harry Blood responded that he felt we had made a positive impact and that this Board was worthwhile. Hilary echoed his sentiments and a general discussion of progress made by the RAB followed.

- **Next Meeting Date:** The 2nd Monday in October is Columbus Day, the Recreation Department is closed. After discussion the October meeting was set to Monday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m. at the Recreation Department.
- **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Karin Nelson to adjourn, seconded by Harry Blood, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by Becky Bryant