

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.

Draft Minutes Monday, August 11, 2008

Present: Joanne Farnham, Harry Blood, Karin Nelson, Al Hume, Donna Kuethe, Cynthia Robinson

As Becky Bryant was an excused absense, Board Alternate, Al Hume was designated a voting member for the meeting.

- I. The meeting was Called to Order at 5pm.
- II. The Minutes of June 9, 2008 Meeting were approved unanimously.
- III. Community Input: No community members attended.
- IV. Recreation Director's Report: (see attached)

Donna added some brief notes:

- Some glitches with the softball season, but that staff is working on ways to improve it. They are asking coaches for input.
- GREAT summer staff! Wonderful people doing a terrific job with the kids, even with the awful weather. The summer program is very active, has been received well, and they are getting good feedback.
- This summer program had the worst number of after-deadline registration problems. The board spent some time exploring why this happened, and brainstorming some ideas:
 - All of these late arrivals were local residents.
 - Donna is working on an improved description of the registration deadlines for the forms/info/website
 - Info is sent to so many media outputs...what's missing?
 - Let's ask/invite those who miss deadlines to suggest any improved ways of getting the word out-what would help?
 - Email blast to all past participants
 - Donna is looking into getting the dates on the marquee at the school
- Soccer registrations are coming in. This one is a harder deadline, because kids are not in school. Donna and Hilary will be going to MCS in the first week of school to visit each class, reminding those who have not signed up to do so by the Wednesday of the first week. Evaluations will be that first Saturday, but again, Donna is hoping to have all kids registered prior to that date.

V. Other Advisory Board Business:

Al wondered if there are ways the RAC can help get work started on the fields improvement project? (Both the soccer and softball field at Playground Drive need major renovations.)

Donna replied that she is waiting to hear from Carter and the Selectmen on budgets. The project was priced out a couple of years ago, and some planning ideas exist to deal with being without one or both fields for the year they will need to sit.

Cynthia suggested that it seems this group is also in a waiting mode- waiting for direction from the Selectmen on changes to the group's responsibilities, additional people needed, mission adjustment, etc.

Getting the word out discussion: Harry reported that the Meredith News is printing fewer and fewer local community events. Harry mentioned the First Alert system that the schools are using to get word out about various events. Donna asked if maybe Rec Dept could access that tool? The project in the works that creates a detailed school facility calendar, might eventually include Rec. dept events.

VI. The meeting was Adjourned at 5:49pm Next Meeting: September 8, 5pm