

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, March 3, 2008
6:00 P.M.
Recreation Department

Draft Minutes

Present: Becky Bryant, Harry Blood, Karin Nelson, Carla Taylor, Al Hume, Cynthia Robinson, Donna Kuethe, Hilary Bride

Call to Order: 6:00

Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2008 Meeting: Becky called for a motion to accept the minutes as originally presented. A short discussion around the process of adding additional comments to the minutes. Karin then moved to accept the original minutes, Joanne seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2008 Meeting: Harry moved to accept, Karin seconded. Motion passed.

Community Input:

- A comment on Basketball tournament date awareness- one team's coach communicated with players that the season was done, and then announced tournament dates late.
 - Becky pointed out that the Rec. Dept. has a grievance process for such day-to-day complaints, and she provided the results from the group's work session last week, that the Advisory Board will hear input from community members, and will think about specific day-to-day grievances only as they relate to larger- big picture Rec. Dept. needs and developments.
 - The suggestion was made that this community comment would come under the larger issue of improving communication between coaches, players, Rec. Dept, and parents.

The Advisory Board is looking into a couple of ways of addressing this need, including a parent, coach, Rec Staff meeting and an informational manual.

- A comment regarding the policy for working out scheduling teams sharing/not sharing the gym. A problem happened when coach Lydia Eaton had heard from another coach that she was to have the entire gym space, and arrived to find that the gym was split, with two teams scheduled to practice there.
 - Donna responded that the gym was marked for two teams to practice there that night. Understands Lydia's frustration, but can't be responsible for a coach's miscommunication.
 - Lydia Eaton asked to be quoted: "I put in a heck of a lot of time into coaching. I ask that a policy be made."
 - Becky pointed out that the Advisory Board has heard this complaint, and will look at it as part of a larger issue. Again, points to improved communication. Also points to the need for facilities.

Secretary Robinson had to leave the meeting early at this point.

Minutes continue By Carla Ann Taylor:

- Harry brought forward a concern by a coach and asked the question " Who enforces the 2 minute rule." the Rec Department is responsible for enforcing the rule and we continued to discuss the obstacles to doing so.
- Revisited old policies and why changes were made.
- Harry said the middle school and high school has a protest policy in place and suggested that we set one for 5th and 6th grade sports.
- Public input from Ginny Bird that we consider a Language tolerance policy with a code of conduct that has follow through with the coaches.
- Joe Reeds official title was Recreation Activities Assistant

Recreation Director & Community Requests: Hilary asked for help with some needs of the department:

- To date we have no list of umpires available for baseball and softball games: Becky said she would market that need.
- Set the evaluation dates for March 29th 9-4
- Donna has Bob Bigelow booked for April 30th 6-7 and is seeking help to fund this event
- Soccer registrations will piggy back Academy sign up Aug 12th
- It was brought to attention of the board that a email sent by Carla this week was interpreted to represent the entire board. Carla was cautioned to be careful in the future and apologized for this assuring she would be aware of this in future.

Next Meeting April 7th 6pm

Adjourn 8:02pm