

# 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.

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Monday, January, 10, 2011  
Recreation Department Building

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Al Hume, Carla Taylor, Harry Blood, Celeste Burns, Hilary Bride

**Community Members:** Chris Shipp, Robin stokes, Brian Eaton, Lydia Eaton, Donna Tatro.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Harry moved to approve the minutes from December 20, 2010 Meeting. Celeste Burns seconded. Motion carried.
2. RAB Business:
  - a. Website needs to be updated to reflect new meeting time of 7:00pm
  - b. The Board unanimously decided to send draft letter to Board of Selectmen. Celeste Burns will mail tomorrow.
  - c. Notice of meeting should continue to be run in MCS weekly for two weeks prior to meeting dates whenever possible.

- d. Al Hume handed out copies of the Right to Know Law, RSA C.91-A. Al pointed to specific sections including a section on page 2 that defines quorums. At present 3/5 constitutes a quorum for RAB. Al also noted the 24 hour notice requirement on page 2, what's required to be included in the minutes; page 3, the reasons for non-public sessions; page 4, how to enter into a non-public session, separate minutes are necessary, and the 72-hour requirement to either seal or release the minutes; all on page 5.
  - e. Old RAB business: some of the past minutes contain errors regarding dates. The Board will assume all errors are typographical and entertain a blanket motion to correct all dates at the next meeting. Al questioned whether Jane, Joanne, and Becky had received a note of thanks for their service on this Board. Celeste, as Secretary, will get them mailed out. Harry noted that he received a copy of Jane's resignation from Donna Keuthe. It was determined that all members received it as a follow up to a previous request.
3. Recreation Director's Report read by Hilary Bride. She noted that Kidzercise is at the Community Center not MCS as stated in report. Office will be closed on Winter Days as the Rec. Dept. oversees 150-160 kids through this partnership with MCS. Hilary and the RD are working on a snowshoe tour for adults at Ridgewood but Ridgewood is undergoing extensive renovations and may only fit in one sunset tour. The RD is seeing a lot more requests for financial assistance so they have a new Multiple Child Fee policy in the works for the Spring that they hope will alleviate some hardship. In the "Trips" section Hillary said they are short for the roller skating trip and need 20 to run it. A trip to the Harlem Globe Trotters is scheduled for 3/19. Seats are 7 rows back. RT transportation with tickets will only cost \$30-35 pp. Parrot Festival in 4/2 at Sunday River is from 8-8. Tribute to Jimmy Buffet, pond skinning, key lime pie eating contest for adults, plus all day skiing. Donna Keuthe has temporarily removed herself from the Department and Hilary is now officially overseeing the Department.
4. New Business: Harry Blood reported that Tecumseh is building a new basketball facility. It'll be the same size as MA gym and will have a changing room, bathrooms, and 6 baskets. Not known yet if it'll be heated or insulated. It's only 3 miles down the road so accessible.

Tecumseh only uses property 7 weeks/year. Issue now is if Moultonborough can rent the space. Blue Ribbon Commission is involved. Harry has spoken with the Chair of the Committee, Eric Taylor. Member Donald McGillicuddy toured the property today (1/10/11) Harry spoke of many reasons why he's a proponent of working a deal with them including: taking pressure off MCS, ability to offer 2 games at once plus chance for more practices/week, space for other programs from Nov-March and it's a safe facility. Harry has discussed with Road Agent Kinmond the possibility of town plowing and he believes Tecumseh wants to work with schools if it's mutually beneficial. Contractors on the project are Dave and Russ Wakefield and are willing to give tours. Hilary said Donna Keuthe will be writing up a proposal that deals with rental fees and usage to submit to the Selectmen for support then will be submitted to Tecumseh if approved. Celeste Burns made a motion for the RAB to support the Tecumseh project. Harry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Al brought up the Blue Ribbon Commission's recent motion to approve the rehabilitation of playground drive. Al also said he believes that Jim Talbot (from Tecumseh) will be at the Blue Ribbon Commission meeting this coming Monday at Town Hall and we should have a show of support there. Brian Eaton asked if Tecumseh's fields would be available during the Playground Drive rehab. Al said yes.

5. Community Input: Al referenced Brian and Lydia Eaton's letter and asked if they wanted to go into non-public session. They answered in the negative. Al confirmed that each Board member reviewed all documents both sent and referenced to in the letter. Brian Eaton thanked the Board and said they have no issue with the Stokes or Hilary and they have done a lot of good things together. They came because of the new Rec. Dept. policy whereby at the end of each season the coaches for grades 5/6 will step aside and new coaches will come in to coach the Fryeburg and Tamworth tournaments. Brian is concerned by the abrupt changeover at the end of a season after kids have grown comfortable with their current coach and didn't think this policy was part of the direction the Dept. was headed. At this point Hilary mentioned that a Carroll County soccer team will meet all season as a separate team. Harry mentioned that some issues were forced on the Rec. Dept. regarding travel teams. A sub-committee was formed on the issue. Carla added that there was a need for travel teams but facility space was an issue. Brian took issue with the lack of minutes on the record for the sub-committee and

what they were striving towards. They (Eatons) first heard of the new policy in November and questioned the lack of input from coaches and wanted to open up a dialogue with Hilary about this issue and got nowhere which is why they wrote to this Board. Hilary said the policy is still in draft process and being tweaked. Al agreed that we need more of a paper trail and explained that we are actively working to revamp our agendas so that subcom minutes would not get lost in the future. At this point there was a lengthy discussion between Brian who questioned the methodology for selecting coaches and the need for a travel team when there's other opportunities out there for players and Carla Taylor who explained that the subcommittee wanted travel teams and the RD wasn't on board so the current policy is what they came up with. Brian and Hilary both agreed that the new teams are called town teams yet there's not really open enrollment since you have to participate in rec. season games. Hilary then brought up research stating that neutral parties made better coaches which led to Brian asking if there had been specific problems relating to "parent" coaches. Al broke up this exchange to say that there's so much "meat" here we could talk about this forever and that issues #1-5 noted in the Eatons' 1/7/11 letter pertain to policies and that's not our venue. Talk then centered on the hiring process for volunteer coaches. Hilary explained that she uses the same process as hiring employees and Brian asked if the Eatons were considered alongside Randy for the coaching job in question. Hilary then brought up personnel issues.

At 8:19 pm Celeste made a motion to go into Non-Public session under RSA 91-A:3, IIA and C. Harry Seconded. A majority of those present voted yes.

At 8:47 though a motion by Harry and a second by Celeste, the Board came out of Non-Public session.

Harry made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Carla seconded. At least two-thirds of the members voted in favor and the motion carried.

6. Next Meeting Time and Date: Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
7. There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, /s/ Celeste Burns, Secretary