

**\*\*Please Note: Items to be placed on the 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.

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Monday, October 5, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Davis Room, Town Hall

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present: Celeste Burns, Al Hume, Matt Swedberg, Chris Shipp, Dan Sturgeon, Carla Taylor**

**Community Input: Steve Colby, Nancy Wright**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Carla called the meeting to order at 7:00
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Al led the Board in the Pledge
- III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015:  
Dan made two changes to the Minutes. He corrected this sentence to read "Adult softball is up this year, there are 6 teams instead of 5" and spell Tapply correctly. Al made the motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Chris Seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. MRD Volunteer Opportunities: The Halloween Party is coming up on Friday 10/30 and volunteers are needed from 4:45-7:15 both in MPR helping with food and supervising other activities. MRD is also looking for volunteers as they look forward to the Village

Open House, tentatively scheduled for Friday, 12/11. Linda Zelek puts this community event together. The MRD is looking for crockpot and family friendly food. The Event is approximately an hour long. Last year's theme was the Polar Express conducted by our very own Al Hume. This year will be Christmas minute to win it games then the kids will go off to library.

- b. In looking at the Board's heading for all correspondence it was decided to add "live streaming via the website" in the top portion as well as including pertinent information such as 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month and time. Celeste will draft a new heading and bring to the November meeting for changes and/or approval.

v. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Youth Soccer: Dan has heard general complaints at the fields through second/third parties but has had nothing brought to him. He would like all members to remind people to please bring any issues/complaints/compliments to him and the MRD directly so that they may be addressed appropriately.

- b. Registration Deadlines (if not covered in V.a): Chris brought up late registrations and Carla briefly reviewed our previous month's discussion of the topic as well as an historical accounting of the issue since it was adopted by the MRD. Chris' main issue is that a child didn't register because a parent did something wrong and not the child. He would like the policy to somehow let them play regardless with some sort of penalty. Nancy Wright added that a tennis player also was refused late registration. Celeste brought up the possibility of buying reusable shirts. Steve Colby added that no kids should be left behind and would like to see a fee added for the shirts. Al asked about what's involved with signing up and Dan listed making teams, scheduling games, shirts.... Celeste reiterated her point from last time regarding making phone calls and Carla

offered the Board's assistance if warranted. Steve also warned that MRD can't be too lenient because then everyone would do it. Chris pointed out that MRD has adequate employees and funds to come to a satisfactory resolution. Chris concurred with the added penalty option.

Discussion then turned to Steve's question regarding a pre-sign-up in the spring. The idea could help with teams and finding coaches if MRD could get a ballpark figure. MRD could do the same with basketball. Dan did put out the signup sheets in June and is sending out the basketball ones this week. Steve thinks one call is best use of notifying. Dan has computer software generates the list and it gets sent to one call. Matt moved the conversation on to the number of clinics before season start. Right now Dan has 3 days in one week with registration due on 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Perhaps having preseason 3 weeks before deadline would generate more word of mouth. Start early enough to meet order/scheduling deadlines. Clinics had about 30 kids - 20/day. Dan could possibly fit in clinics in conjunction with camp program and will study further.

Steve was asked about lacrosse numbers and about a dozen played. They had a successful season last Spring. The athletes could only play at the JV level due to NHIAA rules. There were 22 kids from both schools [IL/MA].

- VI. RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT: Dan highlighted that Nutty November is now basketball hoopla and read through other current events not listed in New Business.
- VII. CITIZEN/MEMBER INPUT: Nancy Wright brought up that she contacted Susan Noyes to ask for schedules for a gymnasium and

spoke with Annette who does the scheduling for MCS who suggested that she talk to Dan. She had numerous schedules that she referred to but did not share with the Board. Matt explained that the district calendar is different from the scheduling calendar. He sits down with MRD to schedule all levels spaces. Middle level has to go to MCS. He has used MCS for JV/Varsity but really too small for them. There are 4 programs going on in MCS gym in winter. Nancy also asked to observe the programs. Matt would like to know how much observation and approximately when. She wants to count people in the buildings at different times. Matt has nothing to do with the MPR and can't comment on its usage there. The Board generally reminded the MPR's many uses and reiterated that it is not a gym. Dan uses it for overflow during basketball. Nancy then changed her decision to go into the gym and stated she will not go in. Nancy says the TA report contradicts what the schedule says so Dan explained the schedules. Dan and Nancy engaged in an athletic scheduling conversation. Al then asked Dan what a gym would do for MRD and he answered that it would give consistent gym times. Matt added that it would offer more middle level time. Another facility would make practice earlier. Al would like to see a schedule to see how it would benefit. Steve added that other sports benefit with baseball/batting cages/pickleball. Sports could retain conditioning off season. Also ML games shut down JV practices.

Steve Colby then asked about soccer season and number of practices per week. The skill level coming up from the rec level needs improvement. Ideally he believes a practice and controlled scrimmage against the opposing M'boro team each week and then on weekends play other towns. Dan relayed that there is field availability and coaches can practice more. Participation in Spring/Fall is difficult to gauge because it starts at the end of

Summer -and Dan is often asking more parents to coach. Celeste brought up the lack of consistency with the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade level coaches. Dan is looking into the issue further and then explained his attempts at finding coaches.

Nancy then asked Matt how long he has been here [in Moultonboro as child and adult] and that led into a brief discussion about managing with the MPR. MRD has added more programs since then as have many other factors over time.

- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 9th
- IX. ADJOURNMENT: Celeste made the Motion to adjourn at 8:23 AI seconded. Motion carried.