

## **Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes 10/02/06**

Present: Brenda Worrell, Chair; Diane Wheeler, Recreation Director; Sandy Dewing, Commissioner; Susan Beattie, Commissioner; Sharon Hart, Secretary

### **I. Review of Fall 2006 Recreation Offerings:**

#### **Preschool Programs**

- Creative Dance Little Nippers, = cancelled due to insufficient registration numbers
- Wicked Fun, = registrations satisfactory

#### **After School Happenings:**

- Fencing= Rec ran with initial sign-up of 8 kids, even though min 10—since start, 2 more have joined and others are expressing interest. Diane expects numbers to continue to grow, and is anticipating adding another session when the 10 weeks end
- Dodge Ball= cancelled, only 5 kids signed up, min. was 10 to run
- Rec Round-up= will run with 6 registered participants
- Archery= Plans to run, although #'s are slightly less than min required
- Tennis=numbers are less than traditionally expected, but programs are running. Tennis programming is going through some modifications due to change in instruction.
- Club Invention=8-9 kids presently registered; need min 15 to run. Begins 10/30. Diane will send out one last notice to get more interest. Department must get minimum registration numbers to make financial commitment to program
- Nature Detectives=cancelled, insufficient registration numbers
- Marine=scheduled to run
- Woodworking=not a lot of interest yet; starts 11/14—Diane expects to get more registrations closer to deadline
- Wicked Fun Art= fine
- Chess Club=fine
- Poetry Club=cancelled; only 1 registrant, needed min. of 15
- Homework Club= Had to combine 6,7,8 grade to meet min. registration requirements.

#### **Performing Arts:**

- Piano Lessons= only Tuesday openings left, all sessions filled otherwise
- Mystery Theatre Class=fine with 10 registrants
- Wonderful World of Theatre=7 registered, need 8= fine, expect to be full

#### **Trips and Events:**

- Robie Mackin Charitable Foundation First Annual Golf Tournament held 9/18= Huge Success... 64 people attended. Event raised approx. \$3000 for the North Hampton Recreation Scholarship Fund, that provides aid for children in need so they may participate in Recreational Activities. Diane offered that maybe we

could have a discussion about renaming the scholarship fund in honor of the Mackin/Robie families.

- Early Release Trip to New England Aquarium & IMAX on 10/20= so far only 3-4 kids have expressed interest, signed up. 20 min. needed
- Trick OR Treat= Diane has been in touch with Fire Dept to plan
- Halloween Coloring Contest= Coloring sheets will go out this week in Friday Folders & they are available on the Rec Dept. website. Commission chose pictures for the 3 designated age categories. Completed Pics will decorate Town Hall Offices
- An Evening with Santa= Will be held on 12/9 in Old Town Hall. Theme needed—further discussion to ensue
- Magic of Christmas with Portland Symphony Orchestra=cancelled, due to insufficient registration #'s by the time a substantial deposit was needed

#### **Adult Programs:**

- Archery= cancelled due to insufficient registration #'s
- Ballroom, Salsa & Swing Dance= Postponed to January
- Coed Volleyball= already 10 people signed up, good
- Adult Tennis=3 people registered
- Bridge for Beginners=fine
- Bridge=fine

#### **II. Harvest Fest**

- Recreation Department will not be contributing this year. Offered to have an orange/black flashlight egg hunt for different ages, but posed conflict to Healthy Kids Initiative
- Rec Dept. will send decorative Halloween Trick OR Treat bags home in children's Friday Folders

#### **III. Budget Overview—1<sup>st</sup> run-through to be presented with BUS next Tuesday, 10/10. Estimates are as follows:**

- 15% health insurance increase expected
- Fica, retirement, benefits conferences, training; background checks for summer staff & volunteers=same as last year
- Training & Education=same
- Utilities=same
- Dues & Subscriptions=same
- Office supplies=+300, copying—mostly of brochures
- Egg Scramble=same
- Santa Visit=same
- Summer Rec supplies=same
- Maintenance=up slightly due to storage fee increases
- Gasoline & Travel=same
- Equipment=same
- Youth Assoc. Pay=same

- Beach Parking=same
- Salaries= Recreation Director, up slightly= 5% raise for non-union, salaried employees
- Summer rec Salaries=.50 per/ 2 counselors positions were eliminated
- 1.13% increase expected in Summer Rec Camp Registration Fees Generated

**Winter Activities (Possibilities and hopeful offerings):**

- Knitting for kids & adults (instructed by owner of Yarn for Ewe)
- Tai Chi & Yoga for kids
- Adult Yoga
- Babysitting Class—Sat or T/R to be offered
- Boys High School Hoop will begin as an open gym court session in Nov. for 8 weeks, followed by league session. Sandy Dewing offered to sponsor team= \$350-400). Diane expects program to max out in numbers, so created the two-session offering to satisfy play needs.

Meeting adjourned 8pm