

North Stonington Recreation Commission
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Call to order at 6:24 pm. Director John Hines and Commissioners Comeau, Rusich, Robert, Taylor, and Welborn were present for the meeting.

Director Hines mentioned that there had been feedback on the Easter Egg Hunt from parents.

April minutes –A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the April meeting, noting that one correction was required on the second page (correct “first first” to “first fish”).

Financial Report – The Financial Report was reviewed.

- Director Hines noted that there have been lower sign up for some Rec programs.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report.

Correspondence – There was no correspondence received since the April meeting.

Old Business

1. The Commission reviewed the Easter Egg Hunt and discussed possible improvements for next spring.
 - Discussed getting hot chocolate next year, as well as coffee. It was agreed that water and juice were best for the spring egg hunt.
 - Twelve dozen donuts is sufficient doughnuts to order for next year. Sixteen dozen had been ordered for the egg hunt.
 - Director Hines estimated 100 children participated in the hunt.
 - The children were divided appropriately into areas to hunt for eggs.
 - There were late arrivers. Director Hines noted that we need to remember to hold back eggs for those few children that arrive late.
 - A letter should be sent to Dunkin Donuts to thank them for donating the coffee and doughnuts.
 - A thank you letter should also be sent to Lori Taylor, who donated eggs to fill for next year.
2. The First Tee golf program will be offered in the summer and fall. A program description will be included in the summer Rec brochure.
3. Counselor interviews are scheduled for May 22. Three positions will be filled and interviews are expected to start at 5:45.

New Business

1. The summer brochure will be printed and mailed this month. Commissioner Welborn agreed to have it ready to print by Monday, May 12. It was noted that the Beer Brewing class did not

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receive enough registrations to hold a class and that no one has yet signed up for the spring golf program. There were 12 girls that participated in the volleyball program with Jennamarie Lesky.

2. A discussion was held about adding a bathroom at the Rocky Hollow Recreation Area. There were many questions raised by the commissioners. Should it be a three season facility? Would a water line be required? Director Hines will ask Nick Mullane to attend the June meeting for a discussion on this topic. The commission is also considering purchasing bleachers for the ball field at the recreation area.
3. Since the April meeting, Commission Robert took a look at formstack.com and generated some sample forms. The commissioners agreed the goal is to have online registration ready to include in the fall brochure and use for basketball registration in November. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 12 at 6 pm to further discuss online registration.
4. Final details for the Outdoor Recreation Expo were discussed. Comm. Welborn will bring a tent for the birds of prey program and tables will be provided by Comm. Taylor and Director Hines. The Lions are expected to be ready to serve food at about 8 am. A flyer was sent home with students in Pre-K through 8th grade. All are hoping for a good turnout.
5. Director Hines reported that ConnectEd cannot be used for Rec Commission announcements. All announcements must be used for educational activities only. There was a brief discussion about ways to communicate program information to North Stonington families. Text messages and a Facebook page were mentioned as possibilities.
6. Director Hines completed an inventory of the donations for the Lions' Locker Room. All donations will be out for the May 31 Summer Activity Sign-up day. Items will be transported to the school on Friday, May 30. There was discussion about the community response to the Locker Room idea and whether it was best to take any items left after sign-up day to the transfer station.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5 at 6:15 pm.