

North Stonington Recreation Commission
November 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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Call to order at 6:19 pm with Commissioners McCord, Welborn, Rusich, Comeau and Perkins. Director John Hines was present. Damian Robert was present at the meeting as a potential additional commissioner. 2013 DEC 31 P 12: 24

New Commissioners – Damian Robert from North Stonington was introduced to the commissioners. Damian is interested in joining the Rec Commission Board. He mentioned a few of the activities that he and his family have enjoyed. He suggested the Rec Commission might offer an adult softball pick up league in the spring. He is also interested in archery.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

October – A motion was made by Comm. Rusich to accept the minutes. This was approved.

Financial Report – Financial Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Comm. McCord to accept the reports.

Old Business

1. Commissioner Perkins and Director Hines visited the Rocky Hollow Rec Area to inspect the swings. The turquoise handicap swing has all its belts. The swing height for all other swings seems acceptable (ranging from 19 to 33 inches). A motion was made to purchase a new strap swing to replace the dark blue handicap swing. The motion was approved. This means there will only be one handicap swing at the Rec Area.
2. There have been two Lions' Locker Room days. Additional days are scheduled for November 16 and December 14. Both will be held at the gymnasium. Bins need to be purchased for equipment storage (Comm. Welborn will purchase). Comm. Perkins will talk to Ellen Turner about storing bins at the gymnasium during the winter months. It was suggested we provide pictures of larger equipment (bikes, tennis rackets, skis), rather than moving them back and forth from the Rec shack to the gymnasium. Locker Room days will be scheduled once a month through the winter and will be advertised in the winter Rec brochure.
3. As promised, North Stonington Christian Academy staff provided paint for soccer field.
4. The winter brochure will be printed and mailed in November. Two new classes are included (beer brewing and beading) and the chess class will be expanded to children in 3rd through 8th grade.
5. The winter bonfire has been scheduled for Friday, January 31 from 6 to 8 pm. The Rec Commission will provide hot chocolate and s'mores.

New Business

1. Director Hines summarized the town participation at the Halloween Egg Hunt. There were between 100 and 125 children. The flashlight portion was a big success. Next year the younger children's hunt and the flashlight hunt should be scheduled closer together (e.g., 6 and 6:15 pm). There was too much food and cider this year, although more hot chocolate would have been good. Next year the Rec Commission will provide 6 gallons of cider, more hot chocolate, and will try chocolate chip cookies and munchkins, rather than full size doughnuts. Commissioner Welborn volunteered to fill eggs in the spring for the Easter Egg Hunt. She thought this was preferable to purchasing pre-filled eggs.

2. May 10 and May 17 are the two dates being considered for the spring Outdoor Expo. Comm. Rusich will contact canoe rental companies and see if both dates are available for rentals. The expo will be primarily located at Hewitt Farm, with a Huck Finn fishing tournament, pond dipping, and a hike. Including archery should be discussed further as it would likely be very popular. Canoes and kayaks will be available at Wyassup Lake, as they were last year. It may be a good idea to provide canoes and/or kayaks at Billings Lake as well.
3. The soccer pizza parties are scheduled for November 6 and 7 at 6 pm. Commissioners are asked to arrive at around 5:30 to help set up.
4. There was a brief discussion about activity fees. It was decided there is no need to raise the activity fee for soccer or basketball at this time.
5. Girls on the Run will be offered in the spring by Sarah Lafayette. The program will be advertised in the winter brochure and registration begins February 10. The fee for the program is \$150, which includes two meetings each week during the 10 week program, running shoes, and healthy snacks. Scholarships are available. Information and brochures were provided by Comm. Comeau so the other commissioners could familiarize themselves with the program.
6. A discussion about summer counselors for 2014 was tabled to the December meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.