SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2008 COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Dawn Supranovich – Joe Falcha - Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Ragaini – Gary Bruce – Mark Thompson

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Collins, Head Coach of Girls Basketball at Seymour High School requested use of the gym. He is willing to be flexible with hours, dates and willing to work with all age levels. He would like to start as soon as possible from April through June. Mike suggested the children would bring their own basketballs with their names on them. There was also mention of possibly extending the program into the summer if it works out well. Dawn questioned why this would be for girls only. Mike works with the girls programs and would like to encourage girls to play basketball more. Holding the program for boys also was not ruled out but he would like to start with the girls only.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Christine to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2008 meeting. All in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jack reported a balance for line item 620-500 of $11,652.33 as of February 26, 2008. A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Joe L. to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:
Request from Justin Leonetti, of Bushi Ban Martial Arts to hold a tournament for 60-70 competitors in the gym on May 3, 2008.

Request from Mike Ziniaks, Instructor of the Academy of Tae Kwon Do, use of the gym for a testing demonstration on April 5, 2008 from 9:00-2:00 PM. This would be a one time only use.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
A calendar for March and April was handed out with activities scheduled at the Community Center.
Girls Youth Day at Yale on February 23 was well attended. Jack is trying to secure seats for “Wicked” on Broadway, as well as, A possible Mets or Yankee game.

Family swim program is going well.

London/Paris trip leaves March 23 until April 5

Applications for summer camp counselors will be available the end of March.

Lisa Andrejewski, is starting the program for the Bungay School on March 11 from 3:45-4:45. The programs will be held every Tuesday from March 11 through April 10, 2008.

Bob Lang was given an addition date of March 24 to hold clinics.

Smuckers on Ice – Harbor Yard – April 6

“Grease” – April 13

“Catered Affair” – May 10 – a few tickets left

Vienna Choir – May 23 – will be advertised this week

“Young Frankenstein” – August 31

Saratoga trip this year may not be an overnight.

Radio City Christmas Show will be scheduled soon.

OLD BUSINESS: Joe reviewed the handouts from two months ago regarding background check procedures. Dawn recommended making an outline of the procedures. Joe F. will contact Due to Marks absence this will be discussed at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Christine to table this discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

Joe L. reported a security system for the Cougar’s Den was donated to the Youth Center. A thank you note will be sent to the donator. All members present were very happy to hear of this generous donation.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Christine to allow Mike Collins a minimum of one day, maximum of two days, use of the gym to run a basketball program once dates and times are made available. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Christine to allow Justin Leonetti of Bushi Ban Martial Arts, use of the gym on May 3, 2008 to hold a tournament. The fee will be $150.00 for the one time use. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Christine to allow Mike Ziniaks, Instructor, of the Academy of Tae Kwon Do, use of the gym to hold a demonstration on April 5, 2008 for the fee of $150.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Jack will contact Justin and Mike regarding all the rules of gym use. He will then report to Joe F. Joe F. will discuss with Mike Collins, more specifics on his request then get back to Jack with details.
Joe L. suggested a letter be written to the Board of Selectman for the possible use of the field next to the Community Center for a relocation spot for the Skate Park. If this property is acquired, a playscape for children would be a possibility at the same location. Joe F. will compose a letter.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Dawn to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **March 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe or Jack if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary