SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 27, 2010 RECREATIONAL CENTER FOLLOWED BY REGULAR MEETING

The organizational meeting, in Executive Session, opened at 7:02 PM with Joe Falcha appointing temporary Chairman, Gary Bruce, to seek nominations for officers for 2010.

A motion was made by Gary Bruce and seconded by Jennifer Harkey to nominate Joe LaRovera, as Chairperson.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to nominate Lisa Andrzjewski as Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations from the floor.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to nominate Christine Battis as Treasurer/Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor.

All nominations were closed and voting was cast for the entire slate of officers as presented. All in favor, new officers will be as follows:

The new officers for 2010 will be: Joe LaRovera - Chairman

Lisa Andrzjewski – Vice Chairperson Christine Battis – Treasurer/Secretary

At 7:09 PM the meeting came out of Executive Session and Gary turned the meeting over to Chairperson, Joe LaRovera, who called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u> Joe LaRovera – Joe Falcha - Christine Battis – Jennifer Harkey – Gary Bruce – Lisa Andrzjewski – Glenn Green - Missy Orosz, Associate Director and Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> Bill Peck of the Board of Finance came to discuss the need for the Recreation Department budget to be very detailed. He explained how transferring funds from one line item to another is handled. Planning for many months in advance is necessary so that programs can be budgeted before they actually take place. This should be done through Jack and requires thorough communication between all members of the Commission. Bill mentioned that programs can be added, but as soon as they are budgeted, the Recreation Commission Chairman and Director should go to a Board of Finance meeting to get approval before the programs actually start.

Lisa suggested that a budget for all seasons and programs needs to be in force with anticipated expenses and revenues before going to the Board of Finance for presentation.

First Selectman, Paul Roy, was also present at this meeting. Missy asked Mr. Roy for clarification on use of the Community Center on weekends. This will have to be worked out. He agreed that any present programs planned for weekends are allowed to continue, including the Connecticut Hurricanes that have use of the building on Sundays as in the past.

Joe F. asked about the Cougar's Den possibly having a separate line item or account. Bill Peck said that line items could be requested when submitting the new budget but could not be guaranteed.

Another concern was the Skate Park which Mr. Roy said will come down once the fish ladder goes in the Skate Park area. New equipment for the Skate Park is part of the agreement with the DOT who are putting in the fish ladder. A new location will need to be found for the Skate Park once the work starts on the fish ladder which is intended to begin in April and will take over a year to complete.

Mr. Peck and Mr. Roy left at 8:25 PM. The budget discussion continued to 8:52 PM. amongst the Commission members.

Lisa will meet with Joe L. and Jack this week to work on a projected income of any and all upcoming programs per season. This is what will then be presented to the Board of Finance for the budget report which is due next week. The report will show which programs are most successful and which may need more work. Once this spread sheet is set up it will be up to Jack to have monthly updates reported to the Commission members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe F. to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting. Joe F - yes Joe L.-yes Glenn - yes Gary - yes Christine-yes

Lisa - abstain Jennifer - abstain

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe F. to table the Treasurer Report until next month due to all the discussion of the present budget. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS:</u> A request for gym use from Bob Lang for George J. Hummel Little League baseball and softball clinics to be held on the following Sundays Jan.10-17-24-31; Feb.7-14-21-28; March-7-14 from 6:00-8:00 or 9:00 PM. Also requested was Saturday, March 6 & 13 for tryouts. Jack will advise Bob the the Commission's approval.

A letter from Doug Thomas, Finance Director regarding 2011 5 year Capital Budget Request.

A request from Joe Carrafiello, Boys Basketball Coach at SHS, requesting sponsorship to run a basketball camp June 21-25 with makeup days June 28 to July 2. This camp would be held at the Middle School or High School gyms.

Dean Meier, Seymour Martial Arts Academy submitted a list of test schedule dates on Saturdays during 2010. He also would like to have additional Saturday classes according to availability. He offered his time, at no cost, to finish the floor in the locker room if the Recreation Department would cover the cost of materials to do so. (This has been tabled to the next meeting.)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jack and Missy reported the following:

- *Brian Boitano Skating show on 12/12 was well received by those attending.
- *A broadway show and one Oakdale show will be looked at when the budget gets clarified.
- *Karate is getting more signups due to publicity.
- *January 22 boys from the Recreation Basketball program played at Seymour High School
- *Youth Basketball has 35 teams at present with 141 total games left at all sites combined.

*Bungay afterschool programs will be starting February 23 and February 25.

OLD BUSINESS: Due to lengthy budget discussion, old business will be tabled until February's meeting.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> A motion was made by Jen and seconded by Lisa to approve sponsorship and request from Joe Carrafiello, Boys' Basketball Coach of SHS for dates requested. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Gary to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. All in favor, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on February 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are asked to contact Joe L. or Jack if they are unable to attend a meeting.

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary

^{*}Youth Center – Missy is still in need of more adult supervision and asked for volunteers for March 19 and April 23 as she will not be available herself those two nights There have been 33-34 people attend so far.

^{*}February 6 - Yale Girls Youth Day at 4:30 PM

^{*}February 13 – Yale Boys Youth Day