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REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 28, 2009

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Falcha - Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Jennifer Harkey - Gary Bruce – new member, Glenn Green – Missy Orosz, PT Associate Director (arrived 7:30 pm) - Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Andrzejewski

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dean Meier, Karate Instructor, shared his goals and visions with the Commission. He mentioned he had 20 students at present but would like 40-50 total. A discussion was held regarding the original contract with him regarding fees that stated he would charge \$60.00 - \$10.00 of which would be returned to the Recreation Department. Joe F. requested of him that when there are any changes, they should be discussed with the recreation director first. Dean mentioned he would need more students on a Saturday to make his program more profitable. Glenn asked if Dean would consider an exercise program for adults. Missy stated there is already an aerobic program available. Dean might consider other adult programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Jennifer and seconded by Christine to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2009 meeting. Joe L. – yes Christine-yes Jennifer-yes Joe F. – yes Gary and Glenn both abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack reported the following:

Contracted services line item 620-500 estimated total balance as of 10/27/09.....\$14,015.19
Joe F. asked about the month-to-day (MTD) expenses for line items 110 and 500. Jack was unsure why both line items had relatively high expenses for the month of October. There was no follow up.

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

--A letter of 10/22/09 from Robert Koskelowski appointing Glenn Green to serve on the Commission for the remainder of a 2 year term expiring on 8/3/10. This term will begin immediately.

--A letter from Ron Skurat, Registrar of Voters requesting gym availability 11/2-11/3-11/4 for voting equipment.

--A letter from George J. Hummel Little League requesting gym use on Saturdays from 4:00-8:00 PM for baseball and softball clinics. Dates requested January 9-16-23-30; February 6-13-20-27; and March 6-13-20. The board agreed to table a vote until more information becomes available on the winter basketball program and gym use availability.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT :

Skate Park – is now closed for the season (see more under Old Business)

Youth Basketball - registrations were held on October 14, 15 and 20 from 6:30-8:00 PM with approximately 280 children registering so far (381 registered in 2008 per Missy O.). More girls need to register or the teams will have to combine different age levels for the girls. More registrations are coming in daily for the entire program. It was suggested for Seymour Middle School that advertising for the program should be put in the school newsletter rather than individual flyers that are often not handed out, therefore, making a waste of time and effort to print out. Joe L. suggested advertising on the Community Center marquee. Gary suggested a second marquee might need to be installed to advertise specific Recreation Department programs where more people might see it. Joe F. will follow up on these items.

Missy explained the way she will be choosing head coaches this season:

--Returning coaches with a good report will be asked back first.

--If there is a spot for the returning coaches based on the number of teams that are in each division and where the openings are..

--Assistant coaches will be decided after the draft based on what the head coach picked for their team. There is no guarantee of whose team a child will be on because only the head coaches will be allowed to have their child and everyone else is being re-drafted to level the playing field. The head coaches will pull a number from the box and for the first pick after their own child it would go 1-2-3-4-5-6 then 6-5-4-3-2-1 then there will be a re-draw until all kids are picked. This way all coaches have a fair shot at a balanced team. This is the best for the entire program and the kids. For more information people may contact Missy.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Joe L. to add Executive Session under New Business to discuss hiring of coaches and league directors. All in favor, motion carried.

Jennifer will get samples of numbered blue/gold reversible mesh basketball shirts. Gary may also be able to get a quote once he is given more information regarding the exact type shirt.

Karate –has had a few more sign-ups due to word of mouth from current members. Dean hopes to be able to have a Saturday session if approved.

Travel/Trips- “South Pacific” on 10/25 was well received by those attending.

Christmas Show at Radio City – 11/22 – 4 seats left.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert – Saturday, 11/14 at 3 PM in Harford is sold out.

NYC shopping trip on Saturday, 12/5 will be advertised this week.

Brian Boitano Ice Skating show – Saturday 12/12 at Arena at Harbor Yard – will be advertised this week.

Cougar's Den- will open 11/6 from 7:30-9:30 PM. for 7th and 8th graders. Missy is looking for volunteers. Snacks, if being provided, will need to be purchased.

CT Speed School – will hold programs November 7-14-21 from 1:00-4:30 PM with three sessions each day. In addition, a Holiday Camp program for 12-14 yr. olds will be held on November 28 starting at 4:00 PM. Missy will inform the Speed School of fees to be charged for gym use. Members agreed the fee should be paid in advance before the programs are run.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Joe and seconded by Christine to table the Summer Camp Program Wrap-up discussion to the next meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

--Skate Park closing – the Skate Park is now officially closed for the season. \$1,812.00 was taken in for the season while expenses paid out were \$8,750.00. These numbers are estimated and have not been finalized and were given by Jack Ahearn, Director.

Connecticut Speed School – see Director's Report

NEW BUSINESS: Fall Programs

--Floor hockey had 20 participants and is going well.

--The pre-school sports class went well and Missy plans to do another one in the spring.

The Commission went into Executive Session at 8:17 PM to discuss hiring of Youth Basketball Directors.

A motion was made by Christine and seconded by Joe L. to come out of Executive Session at 8:35 PM.. All in favor, motion carried.

Debbie Walkinshaw and Reginald Johnson will be offered the positions of Basketball League Directors. Missy will notify them of the Commission's decision. She also has a few assistants available to help with the coaching and will notify them as well.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **November 18, 2009 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