

## **SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION**

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2009

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman, Joe Falcha.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Joe Falcha - Jim Geffert - Jennifer Harkey – Gary Bruce – Lisa Andrzejewski -Missy Orosz, PT Associate Director -Jack Ahearn, Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Olayos, Owner, and Scott Hudak, Program Coordinator, of the Future Stars program gave a presentation on the non-competitive programs/clinics they would like to hold once a week for six weeks prior to the start of the winter basketball season. Each program would be 90 minutes in length. They would provide the fliers for the schools but the Recreation Department would be asked to distribute them to the schools. The program would teach fundamentals of basketball for children aged five to nine. There would be a fee charged and Future Stars would provide all the staff needed and the supplies required would be covered by their fees.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Gary to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2009 meeting. All in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack reported a balance for line item 620-500 of \$2,633.11 as of February 25, 2009. A motion was made by Joe L. and seconded by Jennifer to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from First Selectman, Robert Koskelowski regarding the operation of the Seymour Skate Park asking the board to review and see if the town would benefit by not having staff at the Park itself. A copy of an article from Milford Park, Beach and Recreation Commission was attached. Mr. Koskelowski also requested an estimate for the cost of the repairs to the park.

Request from Dean Meier of the Seymour Martial Arts Academy, regarding proposals to new schedule, fliers and tuition increase now that there is an increase in attendance.

Jack has received some information on group packaging from the Mets.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT /PROGRAM UPDATES:

-A calendar for March was handed out with activities scheduled at the Community Center.

-A new bulletin board has been placed on the ramp area entering the gym. This is a great place to advertise more Recreation Department programs being offered.

-Skate Park needs yearly inspection per Christine. "Skate at your own risk" info was handed out.

-Summer camp/Swim Lessons – Summer camp staff applications are available at the Town Clerk's office or from Jack. Swim lessons will be advertised when personnel is in place. Missy asked if the Recreation Department would pay for a certification class which would allow her to teach lifeguarding certification courses to pool employees. She would become an in house instructor. She will get more information on the cost of the course and availability. Water Safety Instructor Certification Class for the town to possibly pick up the cost.

-Youth Basketball programs are running well. Missy has planned and end of season jamboree for the instructional basketball league. This will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 9:00-10:00 am at the Community Center. Participants are asked to wear their team jerseys. A snow date of March 21, 2009 has been set.

-Youth Center –Missy reported there will be no Cougar's Den on February 27 due to conflict with a school dance. Christine will be in charge of the Cougar's Den activities on March 6. Family Bingo night is scheduled for March 20. Missy is asking for prizes to be donated by recreation Commission members and others. Fliers will go through the schools about this event.

-Karate – Dean Meier has requested more room for his expanding classes. There was a discussion of allowing him to use the new larger finished room in the Cougar's Den. Dean will be contacted regarding the members concerns.

-Trips/Travel – Smucker's Ice Show at Harbor Yard on April 4 is being advertised. The Ande Rieu Concert at Harbor Yard on April 24 is sold out. The annual trip to Lake George and Saratoga on August 19 will be advertised in March. Boston Pops/James Taylor Concert at Tanglewood will be held August 30.

-Winter swim program – a new lifeguard has been hired for the family swim program on Wednesdays.

-Bungay School's after school programs have been switched to Thursdays.

OLD BUSINESS: Due to lack of time to get programs ready for the April school vacations, there will not be any held.

New Programs: After some discussion, the Commission members agreed to have Missy start the following programs beginning late in March. She will take care of the advertising of such programs, scheduling of times and dates, as well as, the fees to be charged.

Kickball Kids (A multi-sports coed gym class type program) for grades 1-6.

Youth Volleyball for children grades 4-8.

Other programs to start early in April will be:

Indoor Pre-school tennis lessons on Saturdays for children ages 3-5 years.

Pre-school Sports Mania also on Saturdays for children ages 3-5 years.

Kid's Craft Classes and Floor Hockey Program will be held off until the fall. Equipment will be needed ahead of time to run these two programs.

Over 30 Mens/Women's open gym basketball program will start on March 7. This will be open to any adult in Seymour, but will require a photo ID and signature on a liability form. Missy will make up a flyer and post it for this league which will run from March 7 through April 11. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged and the gym time for this will be set from 7:00-8:30 AM on Saturdays. There will be maximum of 20 people per Saturday. Missy will have a sign in/up sheet ready for all participants. A roster will be made for attendance. Joe L. will open the gym and have a sign-up sheet ready. Jack Liedke will be advised of this decision from the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS: Joe L. recommended having Mr. Koskelowski attend the next Commission meeting to discuss future use of the Skate Park which normally opens in April.

Summer Camp will be advertised soon and discussed further in March. Jack reminded Commission members that interviews with prospective employees will need to be set up once more applications arrive.

The Summer Sports Programs from US Sports Institute was tabled to the March meeting.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Jennifer to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

The next regular meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **March 25, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. Members are reminded to contact Joe F. if they cannot attend.**

Respectfully submitted minutes but not yet approved

Jean Banks, Recording Secretary

