

SEYMOUR RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2008

COMMUNITY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Vice Chairperson, Joe LaRovera

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Bruce– Joe LaRovera – Christine Battis – Jennifer Harkey - Jim Geffert – Joe Falcha (arrived 8:15) - Jack Ahearn, Director (left at 8:20) and. Missy Orosz, Part-time Associate Director.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Thompson

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Hatfield

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jay Hatfield showed disappointment in the way his termination was handled at last months meeting. He felt he should have been present at that meeting to discuss the entire issue. The discussion should have been done in Executive Session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Jennifer to accept the amended minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting previously submitted to Town Hall. All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jack reported the following:

Contracted services line item 620-500 estimated total balance as of 12/17/08.....\$12,759.83

Jack informed the board of a budget workshop meeting in February.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Jim to accept this report. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: A resignation letter from Mark Thompson was given to all members. A new member will need to be appointed by the First Selectman.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT and PROGRAM UPDATES:

-Missy reported that the basketball program has been running smoothly for three weeks. T-shirts are in and everything is in place. LoPresti gym use from 6-9 PM has directors. There are 306 participants at this time. She is still looking for more officials. Missy has 4 site coordinators she is presently working with. The last date of games (if no make up dates are needed) is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. Cancellation procedures with school closings and early dismissals were discussed. Notices will be on television as well as from phone calls.

-Family Fun Night is to be held 12/19 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Missy has everything set for this first time event. Weather threatening may make it necessary to postpone the event until January.

- Cougar's Den dates of use will be on the website and cover events from January through June 2009.
- The Yankee Candle trip went well.
- Trip to Sicily for the spring will be advertised soon.
- Santa's visit to the Playgroup was postponed from 12/17 to 12/22 due to weather conditions.
- A knitting class for grades 4 and up that was to be run by Diane Trevelin will not be held until February.
- Boston Pops Concert at Harbor Yard on 12/13 was a wonderful program.
- “Andre Rieu” concert at Harbor Yard will be held in May.
- Annual family swim program will run from January 14<sup>th</sup> thru April 8<sup>th</sup> form 7:15-9:00 PM.
- Yale University Youth Days will be held in January. More information will be distributed to the leagues as the director receives it.
- Jack presented Joe F. with the papers on the budget for next year.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Christine to add Executive Session to the meeting at 8:20 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

The board voted to go into Executive Session at 8:21 PM.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Jim to go out of Executive Session at 8:59 PM.

OLD BUSINESS – The future of the Skate Park is still uncertain at this point but the park is officially closed and locked.

High School pool rules and regulations will be posted at the pool by Jack.

Joe L. has been approached about picking up more games in other towns. This was done in prior years due to lack of teams. This year there are plenty of teams. Joe L. recommends teams should be moving. Missy has schedules made out for in town games only. Jim agreed the girl's teams need more competition with same age girls. Jen suggested this year the teams stay right in town and at this point not become travel teams which would add more work for everyone involved, especially for Missy who has a lot to do right now getting all teams scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Members agreed it is too late to discuss any extra programs to be run during winter break which starts next week.

A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Christine .to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. All in favor, meeting adjourned. The Organizational Meeting followed by regular meeting is scheduled to be at 7:00 PM on **Wednesday, January 28, 2009 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

