

Recreation Department Meeting March 29,2011-APPROVED

Attending: Louise, Vernon, Jim, Mark,, Jim, Steve, Justin, Ann and Jim O'Brien.

Guest: Patrice

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. The previous minutes were approved.

Business: The group welcomed Jim O'Brien the Selectman Representative.

Mark and Ann will continue on the Recreation Committee but Jessica will be stepping down. Thank you Jessica. Justin has sent thank you letters out to Chris Lawless and Jessica. He has a few ideas for a new member.

Last night Justin met with the BOS and gave his resignation effective mid May. He will be moving on. He and Patrice plan to hike the Appalachian Trail before deciding their next move. Jim thanked Justin on behalf of the town. Justin would like to help train the next Recreation Director, if possible. Jim states that the BOS will meet next Monday to discuss the hiring process.

Ed gave an update on the Skatepark meeting. They are looking into a database to keep track of who is using the park. Once the snow melts, the skatepark will be cleaned. They are looking into the cost of putting up a fence around the area.

Justin is looking for a new Camp Director. Jim told us that the state will not be testing the water at Kimball Pond, we can do it ourselves and send it in. The Town Meeting went well.

Programs: We are looking into creating a website for the Tookie Cookie Bakeoff. King Arthur Flour could possibly host the site. Justin will check with the town to see if we could use their server for this purpose. Louise has sent out 37 sponsorship letters for the Fourth of July event. Table Talk Pie will donate 40 pies for the pie eating contest. We will have to pick them up in Worcester. There will not be a theme for the parade. Louise to apply for the parade permit. We will need more raffle items for kids. Maybe an American Girl doll. The first Fourth of July meeting will be in April. Louise will not be here for the 4th of July event. Justin booked the Barber Shop Group and the tent has been rented. The magician is booked. We thought about putting up a large flag on the barn for the event.

The Sports Memorabilia event is scheduled for May 7th. Oil Can Boyd has been scheduled. We will sell tables and have a Silent Auction. Oil Can will sign autographs. HYSA can set up an informational table. Kids can have one free autograph. Louise sent a letter to the Red Sox asking for a memorabilia donation. The Movie in the Park online voting is underway. The Police would like to do a movie fundraiser in September. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 16th.

Gazebo Events will be held on July 10 and again in August. The Indoor Yard Sale is scheduled for this Saturday. Tables have been sold out. The Organic Gardening class has been called off. A Community Calendar will be coming out soon. Tickets for the Red Sox Game on June 5th are on sale. The Fun Fair will be held on May 14th.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.