

**SEABROOK RECREATION COMMISSION**

**October 21, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Vernon Small, Member at Large-Chairman; Jessica Brown, Member at Large; Barbara Eaton-Ward, Member at Large; Linda Fortin Member at Large-Secretary; Maria Brown, Alternate; and Sandra Beaudoin.

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 PM**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of:**

**a. July 15, 2010:**

**Motion: Jessica Brown to approve minutes of 7/15/2010**

**Second: Linda Fortin passed, as written**

Maria Brown abstained as she did not attend the meeting

**3. REVIEW BILLS:** There were no questions on the bills. Maria wondered why we did not vote on the bills anymore. Jessica and Sandy both explained that the bills are paid before each of the meetings.

**4. MONTHLY REPORT: July, August, September-** There were no questions on the monthly reports.

**5. PROGRAMS:**

**a. Fall Programs:** All classes are going fairly well. We had to cancel three classes due to no enrollment. All three classes were teen programs. The teens have been hard to get this year.

**b. Fall Sports:** For football we only had three teams this year instead of the four that we had originally thought that we were going to have. We had to cancel the oldest group, due to not having enough children. Some of those children went to the Little Warriors Program, and some went and played for North Hampton.

Jessica Brown added that she had some calls about refunds, from those children who could not play. Sandy told Jessica that she would look into the refunds. Maria suggested that the Rams give something to thank those who helped volunteer at the tag days and fundraisers, i.e. a sweatshirt that says volunteer.

Basketball signups have started and are about to wrap up. Travel basketball signups are later on. Patrick has e-mailed Hampton and North Hampton about the High School Leagues. Sandy is hopeful that we will have a team joining their league.

**c. Special Events:** Our Halloween party is coming up. The pumpkin contest has been changed a little bit. Now the parents are allowed to help the younger children out. We have also opened up the event to others. They will have to pay a \$2.00 guest fee. The costume contest has been changed also; it will be divided into age groups instead of categories.

We did not get the chance to have a few programs this year; Grandparents Day, and the Expo. Sandy has put money in the budget for next year so that we are able to have the Expo.

**d. Other:**

**6. BUDGETS GENERAL-INFO:** The budget is routine now. Last year we were cut \$30,000.00 from the Recreation. Sandy suggested that she was going to drop the summer food program for the 2011 year. For the reasons, that we spent \$10,000.00 and only were reimbursed \$1,500.00.

Maria expressed that we need to look into the lunch program more. Jessica expressed her concern that the children that are here all day, and are unable to have lunch with them, will get hungry. Jessica also stated that the parents that are unable to provide lunch for their children count on this program. She also added that it is a huge thing now a day to make sure that children eat at least one meal a day, and this may be their only meal. Sandy suggested that we try to find a sponsor for the program. Jessica suggested that different businesses donate snack packs for the different sports teams. Linda suggested that maybe the community table could just make a little more each night and the left over's could go to the summer camp. Maria suggested that the food program should not be cut, when Sandy has two assistants under her that could be the ones running it. Sandy told the commission that she would talk to Joyce Addison about the community table helping out.

Sandy told the commission that we are going to maintain the budget for the upcoming year. Patrick will be getting a step raise for being here 10 years. We also have a new contract for the electricity bill, which will help cut costs.

**7. FACILITY REQUEST POLICY UP-DATE:** This policy will be presented to the Selectmen next. It will be for both residents and non-residents.

**8. MEMBERSHIP PLAN FOR NON-RESIDENT FOR 2011:** Maria suggested that this matter should be voted on by the town in March. It should be sold as a source of revenue. When the building was opened, it was not suppose to be used for a profit. We should put in a warrant article for the people to vote on. Barbara expressed that she didn't like the cost, and people shouldn't have to pay so much. Linda stated that the people who do not use the building will be the ones to vote no on this article. Vernon said that we should make it the same amount as what we already have. Jessica expressed some concern that the residents won't benefit from the non-residents joining. Linda suggested that we try it out for a year, and see how it goes, if it goes poorly than go back to the way that it has always been. Sandy agreed that we will present it to the voters in March.

**9. COMMUNITY CENTER:** The job for the custodian was posted on 10/21/10. As of right now we have Marlene and Matt filling in, and we also have Emily back to help out. Maria asked that the commission have a meeting "closed to the public" about this issue at the end of this meeting. This was agreed upon by the commission.

The only thing that we have left to take care of from the tree damage is the trees that had fallen into the brook. Sandy is concerned that if we remove them then we will lose our playground. We will have to have someone come and take a look at it. Also we sent pictures and a letter about the remaining tree that is on Kohl's property, we have not heard anything back from them yet.

The AC and the heat are all working wonderfully. Maria stated that it was wonderful to have them during the pageants this year. It was the first time that they actually had to cover up a little bit because they were chilly.

## **10. FACILITY REQUESTS:**

**a. New Requests-** no new requests at this time

**b. Other-** Maria stated that it was great that Sandy has taken on the approval of Facility Requests.

**11. Other:**

a. Barbara asked about summer softball, the tournament that they were supposed to have did not take place. MacKenzie Heating & Cooling had sponsored the tournament, and has not been reimbursed \$150.00 that was used to pay for the tournament. The gentleman running the tournament said that they had mailed the \$150.00 to the Recreation Department. Barbara was wondering if MacKenzie would be getting that refund. They sponsor a lot of programs here, and would like to continue sponsoring, but they do not want to be taken advantage of. Sandy said that she would look into this situation.

b. Maria expressed her opinion about having quarterly meetings. She stated that it should not have been up to the Selectmen to meet quarterly or on a different day. It should have been discussed with the entire commission. Barbara stated that when Monday meetings were discussed, and not everyone was here to change it to quarterly or to Thursdays. Not everyone had voted, and it was told to the Selectmen that it passed unanimously, when it hadn't. Maria added that we need to address that we are the Recreation Commission, and we were placed here by the town. We should be meeting more often; if we meet quarterly there is too much time in-between meetings.

c. Maria expressed her concern of the break-ins, drug use, and bullying that is going on in Seabrook. It has become a horrible problem. She proposed that we, as the recreation commission hold a forum. Maria suggested that we should have Officer Mounsey come in and talk about neighborhood watch. Jessica said that she would help do the leg work, to get this forum going. Groups that were suggested to speak at the forum were:

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| Neighborhood Watch      | Gina McGinness- Hampton Union |
| Crime line              | Angel jean- Newburyport News  |
| TASC                    | Chucky Rosa                   |
| Self Defense Instructor | Eddie Edwards                 |

The sponsors for the event would be The Seabrook Recreation Department, and the Recreation Commission. The commission was thinking that event should take place sometime in the middle of November. A tentative date has been set for November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 7:00pm. The commission would like this to be a taped event, and we would ask Shaylia Marquis to tape the event for channel 22. The Recreation Commission has decided to meet again on Tuesday October 26, 2010 at 3:30pm to further discuss this event.

- Barbara Eaton-Ward left the meeting at 9:15pm

**Next Meeting- Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 3:30pm-**

**Motion: Jessica Brown to go into a non-public meeting**

**Second: Maria Brown passed unanimously**

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelly M. McDonald