

Mountain Lakes Recreation Committee

June 23, 2012 9:00 am

Attendees: Grete D'Hondt, Jessica Godbout, Beverly Jacobs, Bob Long, Heather Long, Ramona Nee, Darlene Simboli

Action Items:

- Commissioners
 - The Recreation Committee would like to start planning now for the pool to be open and swimmable by Memorial Day next year.
- Don Drew
 - Continue to monitor cost of operating the pool.
 - Continue to work with State to move forward with the playground.
- Heather Long
 - Talk to Francine about organizing Anything that Floats Regatta.
 - Obtain approval from Commissioners for use of boats for Moonlight Paddle.
 - Verify capacity of Lodge for concert, continue to work with Band.
 - Send another email to verify Member vs. Volunteer lists.
 - Send agenda for the next Rec meeting to Commissioners before the next Commissioners' meeting.
- Jessica Godbout
 - July 4th Events Flyer
 - Summer Events Flyer
- Grete D'Hondt
 - Work with Rosie to plan Kids' sleepover at Lodge.

Events:

- Adult Card Night (June 15) went well, 12 people attended
- Opening Day Potluck & Campfire (June 23)
 - Discussed what is needed for potluck (hot dogs, buns, soda, s'mores, water, charcoal, firewood).
- July 4th Events (will take place on June 30 at the Beach) [Rain Date July 7]
 - Anything That Floats Regatta
 - Kids make a float to race around the swim platform. Will be judged on time and also most creative.
 - Heather will talk to Francine to see if she is interested in organizing.
 - Fishing Derby: 10am – 5pm
 - Tie-Dye and/or Decorate a T-shirt: 11am – 1pm
 - Will be organized and run by Mona and Bev.

- Bring your own t-shirt. Mona will buy several extra t-shirts to sell on the beach for \$3 each in case kids do not bring one. The selling of Mountain Lakes T-shirts was discussed, but it was decided that these are too expensive for decorate-a-tshirt.
 - Potluck 6pm
 - Rec will not provide meat; bring your own meat to grill.
 - Moonlight Paddle (8:30-9 drop in, 9-10 paddle)
 - Bring your own kayak or canoe.
 - Rentals may be available free for this event. Due to revenue implications, this needs to be approved by the commissioners. Heather will send a letter to the commissioners to confirm.
 - 4th of July Parade Float
 - We will not be doing this event this year because we have no one to drive the truck to pull the trailer. Due to insurance and liability reasons, we need either an employee to drive the Mountain Lakes truck OR a non-employee to drive a personal truck. Don is unavailable this day and we did not find another option.
 - Thank you to Don for offering his trailer.
- Future Events
 - Bi-weekly campfire: every other Friday night starting July 7
 - A member of the Rec Committee needs to be present to use fire permit.
 - Luau on the Beach (August 4)
 - Concert at Lodge (August 17)
 - Still Kickin' Band (Oldies) will play for \$400 for 3 hours. Discussed possibility of opening the concert to Haverhill Residents, but there are concerns with the capacity of the lodge (believed to be 70—Heather will verify). Holding the concert outside is another possibility. We could make a profit by selling food and/or holding a raffle.
 - Sleepover at Lodge for Kids with nighttime scavenger hunt
 - Rosie and Dylan would like to organize this event. Grete will work with them and also Randy and Cindy to set up a date that works for everyone.
 - Need approval from commissioners for overnight event.

Don Drew stopped by to answer any questions the Recreation Committee has

- Pool: The Rec Committee would like to know the cost of opening the pool early (Memorial Day) next year.
 - This year we are buying all chemicals from a single supplier. Using this and labor figures, we will have a total cost for running the pool at the end of the year.
 - Periodically, chemicals need to be added to the pool. At these times, the pool cannot be used for a number of hours (amount of time depends on chemical). Whenever possible, Don adds chemicals first thing in the morning, so the pool is swimmable by opening at noon.

- Playground
 - Don is currently working with the state, and the permit should be in next week. Once we get this, we should have a better idea of the timeline on getting the playground set up.

Improvements going forward:

- Discussion of improvements to Rec Program based on “Old Times”
 - In order for our program to succeed, we need support from our members. Thank you to Darlene for stepping up to open the pool last week, as well as cleaning the bathrooms.
- Communication between Recreation Committee and Commissioners
 - Beverly stated that she never knows what will be discussed at Rec meeting. Going forward, the Rec Committee will send meeting agenda to commissioners ahead of time.
 - Before the last Rec meeting, Bob sat down with Don to go through the list of issues, item by item. Don addressed these issues and sent his response back to Rec Committee. Bob also sat down with Heather before last meeting with these updates that Heather then presented at the last meeting. Given this effort, Bob would like further clarification on what the commissioners can do to help.
 - It was mentioned that the dissatisfaction stems from last year. The Rec Committee wanted to open the pool for Memorial Day this year, and it was brought up at budget time last year. Still, the pool was not open early this year.
 - Part-time residents are upset because they pay just as much as full-time residents, but do not have a contributing vote (other than on committees, etc.)
 - Actions need to be taken in order to see results: go to commissioners meeting, write letters to commissioners, etc.
 - Darlene took the first step with the pool in writing a letter to the Commissioners. Now that this has been formally addressed, we hope to see this issue move forward.

Other Business

- This year there will be a signup list at the snack bar for email distributions.
- Trail cleanup: a few got cleaned but a lot still need work. We are asking if you have extra time or would to help, please clean up a trail.
 - Heather and Dave will walk trails at some point this summer with a GPS to create a map of the trails.
- Future meeting dates were discussed (to accommodate new officers)
 - July 21, August 4
 - Discussed winter meeting schedule that would accommodate part- and full-time residents (weekends vs. weekdays). Will discuss further when more members are present.
- Member versus Volunteer List
 - Heather did not get a lot of feedback from her last email, so she will send another email confirming. Website is not currently updated.

- Reminder: Members must attend at least 6 meetings per year and organize 1 event per year. Those who wish to help out but cannot make this commitment can be volunteers.
- We need better signs for safety driving on causeway. Speed is posted at 15mph but no one obeys. Also, there are often 2 cars driving at a time, when there is a “Yield” sign posted.
 - Mona will write letter to put on commissioners’ agenda.

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