

## Mountain Lakes Recreation Committee

July 21, 2012

Attendees: Cindy Berenson, Randy Berenson, Francine Bowman, Grete D'Hondt, Jessica Godbout, Travis Hanson, Beverly Jacobs, Barbara Keating, Don Keating, Lois Keenan Gavin, Ken King, Laraine King, Tina Lalmond, Heather Long, Darlene Simboli

### Action Items

- Commissioners
  - The Recreation Committee is asking for approval to hold an overnight family tent-out at the beach.
  - The Recreation Committee is asking for approval to begin making pool keys to be distributed to homeowners under the guidelines below.
  - The Recreation Committee is asking for the pool to remain open through the month of September 2012, and to be open for next season by Memorial Day 2013.
- Francine Bowman
  - Inquire about make-your-own hula hoop activity for Luau.
  - Continue to work on replacing beach umbrellas with higher-quality.
- Heather Long
  - Gather supplies for make-your-own lei activity for Luau.
  - Bring music playlist for Luau.
  - Send an email to inform district of change to Recreation Committee member requirements.
- Grete D'Hondt
  - Evaluate/refresh Luau decorations at Lodge.
  - Continue to work with Rosie to plan family tent-out event.
- Jessica Godbout
  - Flyers: Luau, Lake clean-up event
- Tina Lalmond
  - Continue to plan lake-clean up event.
- Barbara Keating, Laraine King, Lois Gavin, Randy Berenson, Darlene Simboli
  - Work together to create Mountain Lakes welcome packet.

### Events

- Biweekly campfires with s'mores provided by Recreation Committee, Friday nights at 8p
  - Going well, nice turnout, next one is Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please continue to advertise, tell friends.
- Luau – Saturday Aug 4th at the Beach, 6p
  - Volunteers
    - Set-up: Ken & Laraine
    - Available: Don & Barbara, Beverly, Heather, Grete, Travis & Jessica

- This event is being held at the beach rather than the pool due to large turnout in past years.
- Francine's niece does a make-your-own hula hoop activity for \$10 per person (supplies are provided for heavy-duty decorated hoops). Francine will see if she is available during the afternoon on Aug 4.
- Heather will do a make-your-own lei activity for the kids.
- Food will be potluck. There will be children's games, such as limbo and a hula hoop contest.
- Heather will bring music playlist from last year.
- Grete will go through the decorations from last year to see what can be reused and what (if anything) needs to be purchased.
- Jessica will make flyer for this event.
- Concert at Lodge Aug 17 from 8p-11p (Heather is the organizer of this event.)
  - Still Kickin' Band will play classic rock, oldies, covers. The band recommended a time of 8p-11p. Concert will be inside because the band is not willing to set up outside due to weather risk. The cost will be \$400. The band will arrive at 3p to set up at the lodge.
  - Capacity of the lodge is 75. It was discussed at the last meeting that tickets should be sold in order to be sure we stay within this number. Tickets are currently being sold at the snack bar for Mountain Lakes residents (\$2 for adults, \$1 for children). Francine does not recall that any have been sold so far. Currently tickets are only available to Mountain Lakes residents. As the date gets closer, we may open it up to Woodsville residents if we have not sold enough tickets. We need to advertise that tickets will be made public at some point, so Mountain Lakes residents should get their tickets early. It was discussed that the price on the tickets is not intended to generate revenue, but rather to be sure those who obtain tickets are committed to attending the event, due to the limited space available.
  - We will sell snacks to recoup some of the cost. It was decided by the group that we would not sell hotdogs because of the time of the concert. We will sell individual snack bags such as chips, pretzels, etc. They will be sold at the same prices they are sold at the snack bar. We will also sell cans of soda and bottled water. Anything that is leftover at the end of the night will be sold to the snack bar at cost.
  - Laraine and Randy expressed concern that some of the decisions regarding ticket sales and price of tickets were not discussed with the entire group. Heather stated that while it was discussed at the last meeting, not every particular is being officially voted on. The person who organizes an event must make some decisions independently. However, in the future, the committee will take this into consideration and make every effort to bring every decision to a vote in front of the committee (especially when it involves a large event such as this one).
- Educational Lake Clean-Up event for children (Tina is the organizer for this event.)
  - 2-part event to educate children on the importance of keeping the lake clean and healthy (especially by washing personal boats/floaties before putting them into Mountain Lakes). Tina will choose 2 consecutive weekends in August to hold the event.

- Day 1: Children learn about and make posters illustrating efforts to keep the lake clean. Beverly will also provide hot fudge sundaes on this day.
- Day 2: Tom will bring children around the lake in canoes/kayaks to pick up trash. There will be some incentive for teams/individuals who pick up the most trash. Specifics need to be decided regarding lifeguards and safety for this event.
- Tina will submit an event form to the Committee, with a budget of \$50. She is looking for ideas for educational activities to do with the children on Day 1 of the event.
- Family tent-out at the Beach (Grete is organizing this event with Rosie.)
  - This event was previously going to be a kids' sleepover at the lodge. However, the lodge is booked every weekend during the fall. Francine suggested this tent-out as an alternative. Each tent will need to have at least 1 adult who will be responsible for all the children in their tent.
  - Date is planned for September 15<sup>th</sup>. We have the lodge reserved this day, so the sleepover can still be moved to the lodge in case of rain.
  - We need to ask the commissioners for permission to do a sleepover event; Heather will put this in the commissioners' agenda for the next meeting.
  - Night-time activities will include scavenger hunt, flashlight tag, etc.
- Labor Day Events – Saturday September 1
  - Possibilities discussed included a triathlon with running/walking, biking/kayaking, swimming. However, on further discussion, it was decided that due to a lack of volunteers available on that day, the event should be simplified to a road race. Particulars will be decided when the date gets closer.
  - There will also be a potluck and fireworks.

#### Other Business

- Pool Update by Darlene
  - Darlene has a pool key and has been opening up the pool at night as much as possible. She opens the cover to swim and when finished, she cleans the area and covers the pool back up. Residents have also been stepping up to clean leaves and pine needles out of the pool when skimmer is left out.
  - Currently residents can sign out a pool key at the snack bar to return after use. The goal is for homeowners to be able to have their own keys for the season, similar to the tennis keys. They would be required to uncover the pool and clean and recover after use. The keys will be for homeowner-use only; they are not to lend keys to renters. There needs to be a deposit substantial enough to ensure keys will be returned at the end of the season. The decision to move forward with this is currently with the commissioners.
  - Bob Long found an old rules and regulations sheet for after-hours use of the pool, which needs to be reviewed and updated.
  - The length of the pool season was discussed. We need to budget money now to have the pool open for Memorial Day next year. Don doesn't usually close the pool until the

beginning of October, as long as we have propane and chemicals available to keep it running.

- Recreation Committee budget meeting tentatively scheduled for August 18
- Update on playground from Bob Long
  - The Commissioners are continuing to work with the state on the application process, and Don said the application would be completed by now. Bob is scheduled to meet with Don on Monday (Jul 23). The Commissioners will have more info at next Commissioners' meeting.
  - Yesterday (Jul 20), Don and Ken had a walk-through with a person knowledgeable on such permits. The only questionable item is whether we will need a wetlands delineation. Everything else looks good.
  - There was originally no money budgeted for the playground. Previously, it was discussed that we would need to pull money from other areas to get the playground installed. Now, since it's late in the season and possible that the playground may not be installed this year, we may want to look at putting it in the budget for next year.
  - The cost for installing the playground will be approximately \$4,000-\$5,000. It will also help with drainage of the basement in the lodge and snack bar. Currently it floods profusely whenever it rains.
- Re-look at member expectations/requirements
  - Laraine suggested that there should be no required number of meetings because part-time residents are often unable to attend meetings throughout the year, but are very active with events during the summer.
  - Jessica stated that there needs to be a quantifiable requirement if we are going to distinguish between voting and non-voting members.
  - After discussion, it was decided that in order to encourage more involvement and avoid exclusion, the requirement to be a voting member of the Recreation Committee was changed. To be a voting member, a person must attend a minimum of 4 meetings per year AND/OR organize at least one event per year.
  - Requirements will be tracked using attendance at meetings and event forms. The event form will be filled out by the organizer of the event.
- Summer Program update by Francine
  - We have 3 lifeguards available for scheduling full-time, and 2 others who have limited availability. During times when there are only 2 lifeguards on, Francine reminds families that if there is no lifeguard on duty, they are responsible for their own family. Also when there are only 2 lifeguards on, they are being paid for their lunch in compensation for their added effort for the day. There are 2 days coming up that Francine and Reggie will both be gone. On those days, Kirsten will be head lifeguard, and will be compensated as such.
- Washing of personal boats, "floaties", etc.
  - Many people who come into Mountain Lakes are not aware that they need to wash the bottom of their boats before putting them into the lakes. This is to avoid the spread of

milfoil and rock snot. Francine suggested putting signs at the entrances to the beach as well as a washing station near the snack bar.

- The problem also exists when people/renters launch boats from personal docks. We need to put out a notice (by e-mail, flyer, etc) to remind homeowners that they are responsible for relaying Mountain Lakes rules to their renters.
- Tina would like to turn this issue into an educational event for children.
- Mountain Lakes Welcome Packet
  - Sub-Committee: Barbara, Laraine, Lois, Randy, Darlene
  - This group will work together to initiate a welcome packet that will be given to new residents and renters. It will pull together existing information about the rules and regulations of Mountain Lakes, as well as events and other recreational information pertaining to the beach and snack bar. Included will be information about washing personal boats.
  - Jessica suggested that there be 2 versions of this distribution—a one page info sheet for vacation renters, and a full-size packet for long-term residents.
- Movie Projector
  - In the past this was provided by Ken and Laraine, but is no longer available.
  - Francine has had several families ask her recently about an outdoor movie night. The cost to rent a projector was estimated at ~\$300. Francine would like the Recreation Committee to purchase a projector from Dell, at a cost of \$949. She would make a screen at limited cost of under \$100, which she has drawn up plans for.
  - Randy brought up the fact that there are many other things on the horizon right now that need to be paid for. Totals for current spending of the Rec Committee's equipment budget have not yet been computed. Francine estimates cash receipts at ~\$200.
  - Heather suggested sending out an email to the district to ask if anyone has an older projector they would be willing to donate or sell to the Recreation Committee.
  - This issue has been temporarily tabled, for discussion at a later date.
- Beach Umbrellas
  - 3 of our 5 umbrellas have broken. We need to look into purchasing higher-quality umbrellas. Randy stated that this is the height of our season, and it is important to take care of this issue as soon as possible.

Next Recreation Committee meeting scheduled for August 4 at 9am at the District Office.

Minutes submitted by Jessica Godbout.