

Town of Boxborough



Recreation Commission

Minutes: 8 January, 2013

Meeting called to order: 7:40 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Matthew Rosner, Kevin Lehner, Abby Reip, Mitzi Garcia-Weil

Visitors: Voula Powell, Hilary Greven, Carol Zeroual, Sue Reuther, Buzz Tremblay

Matt (Chair) opened meeting with review of mail, Sue Reuther (past member) took S&S book for Kate MacMillan at Blanchard so she can order supplies for summer camp.

Matt introduced our visitors, three potential new members present who met Matt at Rec. Comm.'s winter program as well as Sue Reuther and Buzz Tremblay past members of Rec. Comm. who were present to help guide us through upcoming programs and answer questions.

1 – Winter Programs – underway as of Jan. 2nd with gymnastics. Low enrollment thus far and there is consideration to consolidate the classes. Rob Guillmette is running along with Lisa from Boxborough Gymnastics Center. Classes held at the Box. Gymnastics Ctr.

Saturday Sports at Blanchard Memorial School also under way with a heavy concentration of kids in the first session. The 2nd session is light. 2 people overseeing & working with the children, 2 assistants hired by the town – not CORId or paperwork not filled in. Sue Reuther will submit CORI requests for new hires for winter programs.

Liability issues discussed: Cannot allow any children not registered to participate in the winter programs

2 – Winter Fest – Decided it will take place on Super Bowl Sunday, February 3rd from 1 -4 pm at Steele Farm

Thoughts of using slush from Nashoba Valley ice skating rink to fill in if additional snow needed. Idea nixed due to chemical components used to make ice.

Need to submit press releases to The Beacon, Action Unlimited, Blanchard BITS (Mitzi will handle); need to request photographer from Beacon (Mitzi to handle); Mitzi also to contact Kathy Bower at school regarding sign

Matt suggested hiring an historical actor to play H. Thoreau to attend Winter Fest. Voted and approved. Matt will follow-up

Winter Fest Budget: \$1000.00

Dell Smart: \$300.00 for performing

Port – A Pottie – need to rent (Mitzi will arrange) Contact info given by Sue Reuther, N.E. Restrooms 978-664-0110, need delivery Friday Feb 1st w/pick up Feb 4th.

Hire part-time staff to monitor luge run/ sledding hill – Matt to handle?

Create luge run: contact Todd Webber to arrange (Abby will handle)

BFN – hot chocolate, popcorn, snacks (Nicole Sheehan chair of BFN) – Abby to contact or find other group (Carol may be able to give us name of scout leader if necessary)\

Bonfire: Plenty of wood behind barn per Kevin and Buzz

Police/ Fire: need to contact & arrange w/departments (Mitzi to handle)

3 – Ken Morse of At Bats in Boxborough briefed the commission on his programs. He focuses on instruction and training – he works with school coaches and athletes. In the summer he runs camps using Boxborough fields with children ages 8-12. He has anywhere from 10 – 30 attendees at summer camps. At Bats handles all registrations and pays the town 12% of gross which is the pay structure they worked out with the B.O.S. They handle all staffing and only ask the town for help with publicity. They market through the school attached to the Summer Playground flyer from Rec. Comm. They may tweak and drop certain components of their programs and may consider running baseball/softball in conjunction with Rec. Comm.

THOUGHT: Ken brought up the possibility of having a Town Recreation Fest @ their facility and perhaps donate some space on a specific weekend. He will return to explore some ideas for new programs.

Summer programs forms go out after April break – so we will attach At Bats flyers to the summer camp flyers. All enrollment/payment handled with the town – we only help with outreach and sign off on piggybacking w/summer programs. We will need At Bats flyers by 1st week in April so we can attach w/summer playground flyer.

4 – Holly Kuovo – Fitting Fitness In – Holly met w/commission to explore possible connection with Rec. Comm. programs or outreach. She does a boot camp @ Fifers Field as it has no dog presence. She is looking to appeal to older groups and is interested in offering programs w/Rec. Comm. She currently works w/Acton Rec w/10% of proceeds going to the town. Acton does all the processing. Possibilities: Boot Camp, Fusion Fitness, Weight Loss programs – we would need to figure out how to publicize and how to work together. Buzz Tremblay stated that he thinks it's a good opportunity to partner with Fitting Fitness In. We are lacking in addressing teens & adults. Sponsor subsidized programs for ages we're tapping?

5 – Sue Reuther & Buzz Tremblay gave updates on how they ran programs. Sue passed on files from last few years. We need to focus on Summer Programs in the immediate future. T-shirts need to be ordered/ staffing requirements/ volunteers. We need to reach out to the Summer

Playground Directors and try to schedule our February meeting focusing on the summer programs. Mitzi will arrange meeting with the directors. Meeting scheduled for February 12th probably earlier than our 7:30 meeting in order to accommodate the teachers.

Matt mentioned that Littlefield Farm is offering facilities for town use. They would like to be involved with the Rec. Comm. Matt will invite the owner to a future meeting.

Matt also noted we need to assign a Blanchard liaison. Carol Zeroual volunteered to be the contact person for the school and it was decided that if she indeed decides to join and is sworn in she will be liaison for the school.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 p.m.