

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

8 September 2014

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Woody Laverack~~ (Selectman)
Biff Sutcliffe (secretary), Janis Messier, ~~Meika Carter~~, ~~Shelly Swanson~~, ~~Dan Litchfield~~, Jenny Evans

1) The minutes of May 19th 2014 and June 16th were accepted.

2) Budget Updates: Due to a recent change in bookkeeping services, there is a delay in publication of all budget reports. Wendy filled us in with some basic information and all seems to be in good shape.

3) Programs:

- Summer Escape –

Attendance this summer was up from previous years with between 18 and 27 campers every week with most weeks had more than 20. Wendy has just started to receive returned surveys and she hopes to get a few more. So far the results seem to be a mix – we will review all in a month or two. A majority of our campers were non-residents out of a total of 41 families.

- Tennis – 44 participants took advantage of this summer’s tennis program – much better than last year. Using Holderness School and Ashland courts worked out very well.

- Swimming – 24 – 27 enrollees this summer – down a bit from last year, but a healthy number nonetheless.

- The Fall Newsletter will be coming out this week.

Two new programs will be offered: 1) Ball Room Dancing & 2) Arthritis Tai-Chi

- Developments at HCS after this summer’s renovations to the gym:

and use. Wendy is working with William Van Bennekum to develop opening and closing procedures for our programs that use the facility – presently Early Morning Aerobics, Volleyball and Basketball.

to One change that needs to be made is the replacement of the volleyball net system. The old system is not wood-floor friendly and we must purchase an appropriate one if we are to continue offer the program at HCS. William Van Bennekum offered to split the cost of a new net system with Holderness Recreation. The approximate cost is \$3,400. The Board discussed this offer and agreed to accept it and authorized Wendy to go ahead and release the funds from our revolving fund. We also agreed to increase the fees for our on-going programs which is presently only \$5.00. The final new charge was not established and will be considered as we build our up-coming budget.

4) Beach Update –

- Swim lines have been pulled and put away for the winter.

- Wendy met with Roger LaRochelle to discuss the condition of the path between the parking lot and beach. In some areas the path is low and mossy and at times slippery as a result. Roger agreed and said to go ahead and look into making improvements – but just keep SLCS informed as the process continues. Wendy will speak with Don Cahoon about DES concerns and Kevin Coburn for ideas and estimates of cost.

- The Little Library was popular. Tom will be removing it for the winter sometime soon.

- Swing Set – Wendy expects to get some formal feedback from our Beach Attendants as to how much the swing set gets used. We will once again discuss what to do with the swing set at a later date.

5) Correspondence –

- Wendy reported that the Select Board would be sending a letter to Holderness School as a follow-up Thank You for allowing our various recreation programs use their facilities this summer during the renovations of the gym at HCS.

6) Other –

None to report

7) Next Meeting –

October 20, 2014 at 5:30

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Sutcliffe, Jr. (secretary)