

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

6 April 2020

Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Peter Francesco~~ (Selectman ) Biff Sutcliffe (secretary) ~~Janis Messier~~, Amanda Bussolari, Jenny Evans, Nate Fuller, ~~Adar Fejes~~

1) Minutes of 24 February 2020 were accepted.

2) Budgets-

Recreation	Beach
\$52,349.41	\$5,320
<u>\$10,440.20</u>	<u>\$1,785</u>
\$41,909.21	\$3,535
Revolving Fund = \$35,362.38 lifetime	
Revolving 7/1 – 6/03 = 2,449.32	
Scholarship Fund = \$2,576.75	

3) Beach –

- Wendy is going to walk the property at some point with Pete Helm, SLCS – just to touch base as our MOU has outlined.
- A couple weeks ago Wendy told the one returning attendant that we were planning to hire her, but that the situation may change. A second attendant has not been hired.
- Wendy asked the board to consider closing the beach by putting a chain across the road and giving property owners a key until further notice. She also recommended not selling beach passes to avoid having to refund up to 200 passes.
- Wendy reached out to SLCS to see what their thoughts were on closing the beach. Although they would prefer to leave it open with signage about social distancing, they will subscribe to what the town feels is most appropriate.
- The board decided to keep the beach closed for now using the road closed sign and another stating due to COVID-19 and that property owners only could use the road. The board asked Wendy to rope off the parking areas as well as put another signboard facing the water. The board did not want to put a cable across the road. If signs are ignored, then they will reconsider.

4) Program Report –

- Evening classes - All on hold
- SafeSitter – Held 2/24 with 10 students
- Baskets – Did not run in Feb. Ran with 6 in March
- Edible Landscaping – great program with 25 – will definitely offer again
- Earth Day event – cancelled
- All new programming on hold
- Tai Chi – Zoom, Ballroom – may do zoom other instructors are not doing zoom at this point.
- SummerEscape - Before the COVID 19 situation, we were already challenged with facilities this summer for the SummerEscape program.
  1. Lighting upgrade at HCS – possibly displacing program for part or all of the summer.
    - I do not know where this stands and I am not sure when it is appropriate to start asking.
  2. Working with the HS to secure use of facilities
    - As of Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting things were looking good for us to use possibly the field house area. Again, not sure when it is appropriate to start this conversation again.

I would like to ask the board to consider setting May 6<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> as our next meeting date and possible deadline to make a decision on the SummerEscape program. By then we will know if the schools will reopen or not.

Other challenges include: Not knowing whether to try and hire or not, lack of applications for open positions and lack of ability to interview for programs that we are not sure will run

Not knowing what the process will be for re-opening programs and use of facilities.

The board asked Wendy to reach out to Joe Sampson around 4/20 and see what his thoughts are on the building.

- Tennis - If the stay at home order is still in place June 1<sup>st</sup> then we will cancel the first session. If the stay at home is in place July 1<sup>st</sup> we will cancel the second session. Also, our instructor is in FL, so we will see if he is able to come to NH
- Swimming – instructor is returning - If stay at home order is in place on June 15<sup>th</sup> we will cancel
  - Instructor / s would like to mix up our offerings a little bit by offering kids classes like we have and add adult learn to swim, junior lifeguarding and offer 2 time slots for Private instruction.

5) Correspondence –

- NHRPA will be setting up weekly or bi weekly Zoom meetings for the states rec. directors to be able to see how other departments are handling this unprecedented situation.

6) Other:

- Tom spoke a little about the TIGER program at PSU and that they are putting some videos together to offer to the SAU that address some of today's concerns. They are a traveling theatre program that visits many schools in the region and are hoping that these resources can be available. Tom suggested that when they are ready that they could be linked to the recreation page and FB page. All seemed to think this was a great idea.

7) Next meeting date: May 11th at 5:30

Respectfully Submitted.

Wendy Werner