

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

8 February 2021

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
This meeting was held via Zoom with Wendy being the host.

1) Minutes of our Zoom meeting on 11 January 2020 were accepted.

2) Budgets: As of January 2021

Budgets –	Recreation Expense	\$15,906.	Beach Expense	\$6,583.
	Income	\$150.	Income	\$1,515.
		(\$15,756.)		(\$5,068)

Revolving Fund = \$36368

Scholarship Fund = \$2,732

3) Beach –

- Request for wedding photo opportunity has been withdrawn.
- Wendy reported that she had a request from a family inquiring about why we didn't plow Dirt Road so low impact activities such as skating, snowshoeing and ice fishing could have access to the Lake. Wendy responded that the donors of the land stated that the area was for swimming access only. Wendy also mentioned that much of the road is not owned by the town and therefore it is not ours to plow. The Squam Lakes Conservation Society actually has the deed to the land and to change the use of the property to include winter access will involve the SLCS, The Town of Holderness Select Board and the Recreation Board.

4) Programs- Update and Winter Flyer

- Basket Classes - scheduled for 2/13 and 3/13 have at least 5 for each, touch base with instructor today
- David Lockwood – 30 emails checked in - enjoyable
- Yoga - 1, meditation – 3
- ASL – cancelled
- Creative feast – cancelled due to double booking
- Esports – Spring league – gearing up
- Science center 1/30 – moved to 2/6 due to weather - 4 people
- Photo contest – 3 person
- Snowman – no entries
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5) Summer Escape-

- Wendy submitted a facilities use request to HCS on January 6 and has had a productive dialog with the School since. Our Summer Escape program may use the School as before with the exception of the Art Room because it is a difficult room to sanitize. We can purchase our cleaning / sanitizing supplies directly from HCS.
- We will accept applications from Holderness residents only from mid-March to mid-April. Depending on numbers and Covid status we may open up applications to non-residents.
- For this summer it was decided that we will not allow families to elect day-only registrations. Campers must be signed up for week-long sessions or more.
- Field trips will not be included in the planning as transportation can be a problem as well as traveling to areas with high population density can introduce problems
- Instead of field trips Wendy mentioned that she will consider visiting presenters that can entertain and instruct at a safe distance.
- The Board agreed that should a camper have to be quarantined due to exposure while attending Summer Escape we will refund tuition for that time, however, should the camper be exposed due to outside sources we will not issue a refund.
- This issue of whether or not to pay a staff member for quarantining will be decided upon discussion with Michael Capone and legal council.
- The Board will discuss further what type of PPE and NPI measures we need to take as we get closer to our summer season.
- After the State issues its summer day and boarding camp recommendations the Board will discuss the make up of our "pods" etc.
- Wendy reported that our Camp Director will be moving before summer and we therefore need to hire a new director and assistant director. Wendy has already started to advertise and has begun to reach out to some people.

6) Other –

- Tink Taylor has asked us if we would be interested in supporting a request from Sherry Gould from the Nulhegan branch of the Abenaki Tribe if her organization could set up a “village,” as they did during the Town’s 250th to celebrate our indigenous history. They would like to set up around the Gazebo. The Board agreed that this is a good idea and supports the idea, but due to the demand on Wendy’s time with getting Summer Escape up and running with new directors and Covid problems the Board wishes to make sure Wendy is not charged with organizing and running such a program.

- Wendy reminded Tom that his term “is up” this year. Tom agreed to re-up for another term!

7) Next meeting date: March 8 by Zoom at 5:30

Respectfully Submitted.

George Sutcliffe

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