Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

11 January 2021

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), <u>Peter Francesco</u> (Selectman) Biff Sutcliffe (secretary) Janis Messier, <u>Amanda Bussolari</u>, Jenny Evans, Nate Fuller, Adar Fejes This meeting was held via Zoom with Wendy being the host.

1) Minutes of our Zoom meeting on 7 December 2020 were accepted.

2) Budgets: As of December 2020

 Budgets –
 Recreation Expense\$12,173.
 Beach Expense \$6,583

 Income
 \$150.
 Income
 \$1,485

 (\$12,023)
 (\$5,098)

Revolving Fund = \$35,920 Scholarship Fund = \$2,582

3) Beach -

• Wendy presented the Board wish suggested revisions to the handout flyer that is given out with purchased Beach passes. Discussion followed and a few modifications were made to accommodate such items as there no longer being a raft to dive from, no toy box, etc. As summer approaches the Covid-19 handout will be reviewed and modified as needed. Some discussion centered around the need to have a beach pass on the dashboard of parked autos. Having sticker pass was discussed, but in the end the Board decided to not make any changes this year since the passes have already been ordered for 2021.

- 4) Programs- Update and Winter Flyer
 - Early Bird Aerobics continues
- Basket Making: there continues to be great interest, but Covid concerns may, yet again, result in postponing the program.
 - Programs Many programs in the winter offerings have some interest. Difficult to tell which will succeed.
 - Summer Escape-
- Wendy provided a draft of a Covid-19 information sheet she has been working on to provide to parents interested in having their children participate in our SummerEscape Program. The Board agreed that this 3-page information sheet is very well done and as a draft it will likely need some modifications as our understanding of the virus changes and the vaccination process proceeds. Wendy is working closely with the New Hampshire Parks and Recreation Association president elect who is on the New Hampshire Camp Directors council. As it stands now, Wendy's draft is a solid piece of work.
- Wendy reported that she has officially sent in the request for facilities use to the HCS leadership for use of the Holderness Central School this summer. Included in her request was the offer of providing funds and/or staff if needed to help in sanitizing the facility. It seems clear that in order to maintain social distancing we will need to use all the facilities that Wendy has requested.
- Discussion followed when the question of whether or not we should require our Summer Escape staff to have the Covid vaccine. In the end it was decided that it would likely not be available for most of our staff as they are too young given the ages that the vaccine is designated for. We will revisit this later this spring if it appears that vaccination can be an option.
- We need a Director of the Summer Escape program and Wendy is actively beginning the search. She does have a few leads and will advertise as well. It does look like many of the staff we hired for last summer are interested in "returning" this summer.
- 5) Town Report The board approved the drafted town report for Wendy to submit.
- 6) Correspondence We received a written request from a Holderness family seeking permission to use the Town Beach as a site for taking some formal wedding pictures for their daughter on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend this September. The request stipulated that there would be approximately 24 people involved for about 45 minutes at 5:00 PM. No alcohol will be served. A few of the 24 or so people will be Holderness residents. The Board supports this request with the understanding that they understand that the Beach may have regular beach-goers there and that we can not request that they leave. The Board was appreciative that this request was submitted early on and that it showed careful consideration of the rules of the beach. Wendy will let the family know that the Board has given permission for this use of the Beach on September 4th of 2021.

Wendy suggested saying that the board is not giving permission or reserving the facility for this activity, but recognizes that as residents and pass holders the family can bring up to 8 bonified guest to the beach for each pass holder that is present.

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

Respectfully Submitted.

George Sutcliffe