

# Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

15 March 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~~, Guest – Pete Helm  
This meeting was held via Zoom with Wendy being the host.

1) Minutes - Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> were accepted with a few modifications.

2) Budget Update Budgets:

As of March 2021

–	Recreation Expense	\$15,906.00	Beach Expense	\$6,583.00
	Revenue	<u>\$275.00*</u>	Revenue	<u>\$1,515.00</u>
		(\$19,051.00)		(\$5,037.00)

\* this value should likely be \$150 and the other \$125 should be in the revolving fund. Wendy is checking on this.

Revolving Fund = \$36,042

Scholarship = \$2,731.75

3). Beach –

Pete Helm from Squam Lakes Conservation Society met with the Board and reported on a field trip he took with Tom Stepp at the Town Beach to evaluate the condition of the forest. He reported that Emerald Ash Borer has weakened the many ash trees and that a few are presenting a dangerous situation along the road. These few trees should be removed prior to the start of the public traveling the road. He also mentioned that overall condition of the forest is very poor, and that the invasion of Oriental Bittersweet is perhaps “the worst I have ever seen.” It appears that short of removing all the trees and mowing the area for several years to kill off the Oriental Bittersweet we have a problem that is not easily solved. Any tree removal will likely make the remaining trees more susceptible to wind throw as the roots of the trees are shallow and the area is wet. This area was cleared and mowed during the time of the Livermore Hotel and has regenerated with the invasion of Bittersweet. It is likely that the Town would be responsible for whatever remedial action taken as SLCS does not have this financial responsibility. The areas of private property that surround the property are also in poor shape with much of the Bittersweet and this would best be remediated at the same time. More discussion will be needed. The Board agreed to meet with Pete at the property after snow melt to survey the area and continue this discussion.

Pete also mentioned that SLCS has received a request from the SquamBats ski/kite skier club to allow them access to the Lake. The access they have been using has now been posted and they would like to use the Town Beach. They suggested that they would like to plow the road and parking area as part of allowing them to use the access. The Board was clear that plowing is unacceptable and that by allowing such we would be setting ourselves up for long-term problems, especially since the deed is quite clear that the property is to be used expressly for swimming by the Town’s residents. Pete will communicate this as he reports back to the club.

4. Program Report –

- Flyer in mail today – working to get online info. Updated and opened
- Basket Classes 3/13 had 7, 3 cancelled. April 24th (full) , May 15th (full) and June 12th ( 2 spots)
- Yoga - 1, meditation – 3
- Esports – Spring league – no registrations yet
- Science center Ran two of three classes with 4 and 6 people
- Easter – moving ahead – Adar working on selfie stations, Wendy working on Eggs and trivia clues – Larry looking into dangerous tree on the trail. Wendy has some concern about the mud situation. If parking area is particularly muddy Kevin Coburn has offered the wide entrance to the Town Garage as a dry alternative.
- Swimming Lessons – Moving forward with revised offerings
- Tennis –
  - School approved increased use request – moving forward.
  - The Board agreed to the expense of supplying a locked porta potty there for the summer.

5. SummerEscape –

- Wendy reported that she has hired an Assistant Director – Morgan Maxner
- Wendy also reported that she just heard back from Meghan Warburton that she has accepted the offer to be our Director of Summer Escape
- Only 1 returning staff so far with perhaps one more possible. More interviews coming.
- Wendy asked for support in changing the percent discount schedule of our tuition. The Board endorsed her proposals.
- Discussion followed about our refund policy should a camper have to be quarantined. Wendy has been researching this and will follow with more and report back to us in a special meeting next week – Time to be announced.

6. Other – Holderness Recreation Logo Revisited- Wendy realized that for some reason the PDF file she had been working on had not opened correctly when she first looked at what the graphic designer had sent and dismissed the design. This time when she opened it, it appeared on her screen looking very different from what she remembered and is now excited to work a bit more with the designer. More to come.

- 7      Next meeting – Wendy will contact the Board to establish a meeting next week to continue the discussion about our quarantine refund policy.  
Next monthly meeting - April 12th?