

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

29 January 2018

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

1) Secretary's Reports – Minutes of 8 January were approved.

2) Budget Updates: 2017-2018 FY

• Recreation	Beach
(\$35,139)	(\$5,212)
<u>5,708</u>	<u>\$1,095</u>
(\$29,431)	(\$4,117)

- Scholarship Fund: Camp Deerwood sent in a donation of \$300. As of 1/17/18 the total funds available for scholarships is \$1,024. Wendy is moving ahead and applying for a grant from the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction Fund. She is considering making application to the NHEC granting program.

- Revolving Fund – the total funds available as of 1/17/18 is \$31,695. The Fund is working as it was designed to function. Using this Fund Wendy will be ordering sweatshirts and caps with the new logo. The new logo is being designed and Dan showed the Board a sample of a simple and effective design that he had found. Wendy is working with the designer / printer and hopes to have something in place very soon.

3) Programs –

- Irish Step Dancing – new session starts soon and last session ended with 12 students
- Basket Making – remains popular with a new session starting soon with 10 of 12 spots filled.
- Meditation – going well
- Cooking – no sign-ups yet.
- Women's Basketball – Amanda raised the idea of starting a women's basketball program. The Board agreed that it would be great to start one. Amanda is willing to organize this, probably starting out with a once per month program on Thursdays.
- Laughter Yoga – hasn't yet started but early indications suggest there may be some interest.
- Summer Escape – Wendy and Amanda will start in earnest to plan for the summer. Wendy is hoping to have our budget approved with the proposed higher salaries for staff so that she can entice last year's staff to return.

4) Beach- Nothing new to report.

5) Ace Update – The Board reviewed the minutes of the latest Select Board and School Board meetings. After a few minutes of reviewing our discussions and meetings of the last few months, it was the consensus of the Board that the Ace Board might benefit from pursuing working with the State regarding relaxing some of the requirements for a period of time until a permanent Director and support staff can be hired. The Recreation Board felt that the best approach to "saving" the ACE program would be to request more funding from the School District and Town so that the salaries of the staff can be raised to much more competitive levels.

6) Correspondence – Wendy wrote a thank you to Camp Deerwood for the donation to the Scholarship Fund.

7) Next Meeting –

February 26th @ 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Sutcliffe, Jr. (secretary)