

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

22 February 2022

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Peter Franceseo~~ (Selectman) Biff Sutcliffe (secretary), Jenny Evans, ~~Adar Fejes~~, ~~Janis Messier~~, Nate Fuller (via Zoom, alone and not recording)

This meeting was held in person at the Town Hall.

1) Minute - minutes of January 24th with one edit correction were accepted.

2) Budget Update –

Recreation (\$40,676)	Beach (\$5,436)
<u>\$5,957</u>	<u>\$950</u>
\$34,719	\$4,506

Revolving Account has \$39,004 available

Scholarship Account has \$4,087 available

3) Beach Update –

- Permitting for sand placement & erosion mitigation: Wendy has been collecting information and permit forms. A new contact at NHDES has been assigned to work with Wendy. Wendy and Tom will look into seeing what options we have for applying for permits. Our beach sand permit cannot be submitted until after May 18th - the date of our last permit six years ago.

- Raft – Wendy has begun to investigate raft options for the replacement of the old raft. Assuming our budget is approved she can then make the decision and order one.

4. Program Report –

- * Summer Escape – Wendy reported that one of last summer's directors has decided not to return, but the other director is eager to take on the challenge. Wendy is looking to hire a lead counselor that can work with the director as an assistant. Perhaps one of last summer's senior counselors will step up to the task. It looks like many of last year's staff will be returning!

Wendy will be opening registration for Town residents on March 15th and then opening all registrations on April 1st.

- Basketball – started up again – Nate asked if it would be ok to allow him to handle on-site registrations as it appears that some people just don't like to use online registrations. Wendy approved of this approach.

- Tai Chi – going well

- Pickleball has 19 participants

- Basket Classes – all scheduled classes are full, and demand remains high.

- Volleyball – 22 registered. The mask policy will continue until HCS's policy changes.

- Drumming – went very well and will be offered again

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- Safe Sitter – has a full sign-up.

- Badminton – 14 are registered.

- Art Offerings – the art instructor at HSC contacted Wendy about offering some art programs. Three different programs are in the planning stage right now. This is an exciting option!

- Blanket for Linus – This no-sew blanket making program has several volunteers signed up to make fleece blankets to be given to organizations such as the pediatric unit at hospitals. Wendy has purchased fleece with many children themed prints on them for this project.

- Swim Instruction – Our swim instructor is all set for this summer, and she even would like to expand the lesson offerings. Our local area no longer has other swim instruction offerings so this would be a good thing to do, but we need to balance this need with the need of our regular beachgoers to not infringe on their rights to have the beach for recreational purposes.

- Tennis – Wendy reported that the tennis instructor that has run a highly popular program that last several years will not be able to have a program this summer. Wendy will be actively seeking a replacement instructor as this program has high demand.

• Easter family activity – Adar has once again volunteered to run this program. Wendy has sought permission from the Conservation Commission for permission to use the Town’s Forest as the site of this family easter egg hunt. The permission was granted.

• **Town Concert Series** – The Board spent considerable time reviewing the draft of the sponsorship solicitation letter that Nate and Wendy had drafted. Many suggestions were made, and Wendy and Nate will incorporate these in the final draft and present it to Michael Capone for final approval. Wendy has also drafted a contract to use with the performance groups. This, too, will be reviewed by Michael Capone and the Town’s legal counsel for approval.

5. Correspondence: Tink Taylor contacted Wendy and Biff via email seeking support for the Abenaki festival to be held on June 4th. Biff has responded that he will likely not be available on that day. The Board will discuss what we might be able to do in a future meeting.

6. Other

7. Next meeting: Tuesday March 21st at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,
George Sutcliffe
Secretary