

Randolph Community Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes- March 23rd, 2016

Randolph Town Hall- 7 Summer Street

Present: Members Tom Schersten, Rick Hauser, Erica Sears, George Sweet, Ian Sears Recreation Director Kate Sigurdson

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment- None

3. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

4/5. Update on Programs and Activities and Discussion of future plans

- We said farewell to Tom and offered our appreciation for his service and informed the committee of the addition of Selectboard member Ross Evan and community member Larry Satcowitz.
- A review of the rink was provided stating examples of increased rentals and participations despite the poor weather this season. Examples of changes were discussed to continue to make improvement on next season such as implementing an Attendant in Training program for 15 year olds and having ice laid at night.
 - A conversation arose regarding the hiring of 15 year olds for recreation programs. We will continue to start hiring at 16 years old but provide Jr Lifeguarding and Counselor in Training programs.
- I spoke to the committee about changes implemented at the pool such as a shortened season, changes to swim lessons, and increase youth daily rate to decrease expenses and increase revenue as the pool is currently not supporting itself in cost. Several suggestion were made to prevent an increase youth rate but the rate will increase and language regarding the towns ability to provide financial assistance will be more prominent as well as free youth swim days to welcome everyone to the pool and advertise the youth scholarship fund to families who can benefit from it. It was suggested that we ask local business to sponsor the free swim days.
- We discussed the program software systems briefly which we will discuss in more detail next meeting with hopes to implement next year.
- We discussed the current situation regarding the free summer meal program and approached the availability of the Randolph Food Shelf who have offered to provide up to 30 meals for youth who have a need. I am awaiting a decision regarding the Free Summer Lunch program and will be able to confirm plans at that time.
- We discussed the upcoming camp season including staffing, programs and expansion. The camp will be open to 60 youth daily this year and we are looking forward to some returning staff and programs offered through the town and also supported by the town.
- We had a brief conversation regarding credit card payments and electronic check payments for summer camp programs which is currently being looked into.
- The committee reviewed the Facility Use Agreement which will be updated to include some changes. Such as the decision to reserve the picnic pavilion located at 30 Park Street.
- I explained the change of the Randolph Herald's "Summer Fun" insert which will now be providing information regarding summer activities throughout the entire readership area, focusing but not solely for the purpose of Town sponsored programs.
- It was suggested that I begin advertising at Capstone Community Action.
- I asked if the members had received the first Recreation Monthly newsletter which was a previous suggestion from the committee. I explained that summer programs information will be included in the next letter.

6. The next meeting date was set for April 20th , 2016 at 7:00pm.

7. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved: Written as edited

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Kate Sigurdson
RCRAC Meeting Minutes