

SOMERS RECREATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

December 7, 2009

Kibbe Fuller Community Center

Present: J.J. Wassmuth, Alicia Albert, Karen Murdoch, Anna Gagnon, Troy LaMontagne, Karen McGuane

Members Absent: Michelle Tingley

Non-Members present: Mike Provencher, Jenifer Charette

Audience: Mark Murdoch, Fran Marochini

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

II. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes from October were read and accepted with the following changes:

Jenifer Charette was not present at the Nov 2 meeting.
Special meeting minutes – change title and location

III. Audience

Fran Marochini, Mark Murdoch representing Somers Lacrosse.

SLA has extra money from Paul Bowers tournament and would like to buy bleachers for firehouse field for the town.

Mike Provencher made the following recommendations: He has a catalog of the bleachers that were ordered for the other fields. Bleachers should be 21' long, 4 seats high, and aluminum. Two sets per field is appropriate. Bleachers should not be permanently installed at the field to allow movement for changing field layout. Somers Lacrosse can purchase the bleachers through the town for tax savings.

Positive Coaching Alliance. PCA has offered on line training, but SLA has decided that was ineffective. Rec Commission (all town) funds have been frozen so rec cannot help out with cost of training. Other sports associations may be willing to contribute. Jen will give contact info for other association leaders to Mark to contact. Karen McGuane will bring up at little league meeting. Mark is welcome to attend LL meeting.

Discussion continued on how Rec could support this program. Discussion on whether parents would attend. JJ will send an e-mail out to the association heads requesting support.

IV. Coordinators Report

There are issues with mold in the Kibbe Fuller building. Jen has had to move all classes with children to other buildings. Water gets into furnace room and sump pump cannot keep up. All items from basement must be removed. Ok for adult programs to be here, but have to have a sign warning of mold issues. Cannot start new programs yet. Tot basketball will have to be postponed. Everyone has to vacate the building then the town will get estimates for remediation. There are not too many places to move programs to.

Greg Simmons and Jen are going to work on online registration program. Registration payments will all be done on-line so that no cash will be done at camp.

A motion was made to use the Recreation line item Fees to support the PCA cost, pending the SLA comes up with the remaining cost to fund the program. The motion was seconded, and unanimously passed.

V. Parks report

Park buildings are closed for the winter. Tennis nets down, lights off. Only parking lot lights on. Mike has one of the swings from Somersville to be repaired for a broken chain. There has been vandalism on the Somersville field and on the grass by the playscape. If offensive graffiti, Mike will take care of right away. If not, will take care of in normal maintenance schedule. Most vandalism at park, not at other playgrounds. If repair is required, Mike keeps track of vandalism, but not for small incidents like cleaning of graffiti.

Letter from Rich Willis. M&M tennis would not have the tennis courts available for March for the high school tennis team.

Mike was able to get plastic for skate rink before budgets frozen.

VI. New Business

Ray Reed soccer camp. Soccer association wants to do a soccer camp in town. Jen recommends allowing the camp. Camp could be at the park in the evenings from 5-8.

The commission discussed holding a Self defense course. This would be a one night session, with the cost to be paid by participants. It was suggested to hold the course over the Christmas break when college students are home for break. Robin Muson's brother in law teaches a self defense class.

VII. Old business

STEAP grant, Rec reported to BOS last Thursday. BOS approved the recommendation given by Rec.

Custodial fees. Rec commission to get on the Board of Ed calendar.

CIP – need inputs for CIP requests.

Troy has looked at means of installing an additional soccer field at Sokol Road. He will e-mail Bob Cafarelli to have him review the area and see if it is feasible. Also, he will see if Bob can measure the wooded area at field road to see if an additional baseball field can be installed.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Murdoch
Secretary, Somers Recreation Commission