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## RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 6 January 2014

**Commission Members Present:** Kevin Turner, Chairperson, Joe O'Brien, Vice-Chairperson, Richard Sawyer, Bill Dado, Kathy Pina, Steve Mele and Rene King

**Also Present:** Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services; Joe Izzo, General Manager, HYCC; Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services.

The meeting was called to order all commissioners present introduced themselves. Motion made by Richard Sawyer to approve amended minutes of December 2, 2013, as submitted, Steve Mele second. Bill Dado stated not at meeting, would like to see senior programs differentiated by age, 60's; 70's etc, as we go forward for recreation programs, due to needs and activity levels. **Vote** - all in favor.

### **Public Comment –**

**Rob Walters, Cotuit** – stated here to talk about the degrading circumstances at the rink. Need to work together to turn it around. People upset over the cost of hockey tickets \$12 for adults \$8 for students, out of range of anything normal. Won't get into cleanliness issue as others will talk about it. Need serious focus on this and quick action.

**Betsy Brodd, President BYH Booster Club** – stated situation at the Rink has gone from bad to worse. HYCC has given our hockey program a black eye. Casual Gourmet has exclusivity for food brought to the HYCC. Sent letter to Tom Lynch and Lynne Poyant for an exception, categorically denied. Price gouging, unsanitary conditions and stench in the locker rooms.

**Sean Roycroft, BYH President** – stated here to represent Barnstable Youth Hockey. Have had two meetings with Joe Izzo to come up with a solution on the cleanliness of the locker rooms. Told several times falls under union issues, Zamboni drivers also responsible for all facility maintenance. Think that is asking a lot. Have had a friend with a cleaning service volunteer along with BYH parents to come in and clean the locker rooms. My concern is our kids' safety. The policy of leaving keys with attendant to get locker room key and then attendant check that locker room is clean before our keys are returned to us is great, but not always followed. Want to work with staff to get the facility back where it was.

**Gina Leonovich, Marstons Mills** – stated a parent of a high school student who plays hockey. Not to be able to have a fan base at a hockey game is horrible. Barnstable is supposed to be a community that embraces its youth. Charging students \$8 is wrong and the town should be ashamed of themselves. The cleanliness of the facility is horrid.

**Recreation Commission's Response to Public Comment:**

**Kevin Turner** – stated glad you came forward, usually only hear positive. Address pricing situation with Lynne Poyant, Joe Izzo and the athletic directors and have Joe come back at next meeting to let us know what changes have been made.

**Richard Sawyer** – stated wondering how much responsibility should be put on the hockey teams and coaches cleaning up after they are done.

**Joe O'Brien** – stated that is part of the problem, but someone has to put the onus on the coaches to make sure this is done. Was shocked at the price myself. We do try to meet with people to see how things are going; we do need to know about these things. We may be able to help by hearing from the public.

**Rene King** – stated how long this has been a problem. Sean Roycroft stated years.

**Bill Dado** – asked what is the cost to go to a football or basketball game? Response was \$5 for adults \$3 for children.

**Kathy Pina** – stated thought the key system was working well. Joe Izzo stated try to address every week, the building is being used. Think probably that the key situation is not being done, will address with supervisors. Kathy stated the soccer fields are maintained by the users, confused as to why the rink can't be. Kevin stated they are willing to help.

**Richard Sawyer** - stated doesn't understand what you mean by "union issues". Kevin Turner responded I don't either, hopefully in a month Joe Izzo can give us some answers.

**Rene King** – stated thank you for bringing this to our attention we will do our due diligence to get it back to where we would like to see it. But lets instill in our youth to leave a place better than they found it, and take back the pride in the building.

**Patti Lloyd, Vice President, Sales for the Cape Cod Chamber** – stated every facility has issues, they do the best they can. I think the volunteerism is a great thing for the facility. When the figure skaters were here last year a group of us went and helped to spiff it up. Think it is a great idea if some of the youth groups want to come in and spiff it up. The groups should be self governed. Thank you for your work, Lynne and Joe do a great job.

**Lynne Poyant** – stated the rate situation is under review and has been since the second tournament BHS had. Hope to have resolution by end of the week. Our full time staff is unionized; part of the custodian's duties is driving the Zamboni's. We are an Enterprise account which means we are to cover our expenses with our revenue to the best of our abilities. Kathy Pina asked how many of the facilities mentioned tonight are Enterprise account. Lynne stated as far as I know none. Kathy stated the money HYCC charges helps to pay expenses because we aren't funded, Lynne responded yes. Kevin asked Lynne to explain Enterprise account. Lynne stated Mark Milne can answer that question best. An Enterprise account is suppose to not go for general fund money, the operation is to pay for it's self.

**Barnstable Youth Commission – Elizabeth Ells, Chair; Colleen Morin, Vice Chair; Nicole Neville, Commissioner; Sam Spillane, Tech Advisor and Chris Farley graduate of BHS.** Gave presentation (**Exhibit 1**), programs offered and the goals working towards. Project working on now is Family Fun Night. We lost Anthony Beverly, he cared about everyone and everything; raised over \$2,000 to assist his family. Discussion followed as to how to increase membership in the BYC.

**Proposal for Beach Soccer Competition at Kalmus Beach, Niall Sawn** - Niall stated The Soccer Resort is a company that organizes soccer tournaments in warm and interesting locations all year round. Soccer fans can play some ball - and relax for the rest of the weekend in the sun. They can travel with their friends for a team weekend – all centered on soccer. Lee Docherty is helping to put this together for August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed pertaining to different dates, cost, tents, parking, fees to cover the cost to the town, security issues. Lee Docherty stated it is a cool opportunity and could become an international event.

Motion is made by Richard Sawyer to recommend approval, pending Town Manager's financial decision, to support Soccer Resort's request to use Kalmus Beach those two dates in August (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>). Bill Dado second, Joe O'Brien requested it be done on a trail basis, one year then revisit. Niall stated sure, that would be expected. **Vote** - All in favor.

**Staff Report, Joe Izzo** – Joe handed out report (**Exhibit 2**), rink and gym calendars, HYCC STAFF REPORT

#### MONTHLY UPDATE

The Winter Sports Season is in full swing.

- . High School Hockey
- . High School Basketball
- . BHS Ante Nickerson Invitational Tournament (1/18-1/19) (boys)
- . Shear's No Limit Basketball League plays on Saturdays and Sundays
- . Sunday Morning Women's Basketball League 10:30-12:30am
- . Pickleball – Mon/Weds/Fri 9am-11am

#### SOME DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- . Barnstable Youth Hockey Association Christmas Tournament held 12/26 – 12/28
- . BHS Boys Cape Cod Freezeout Tournament held 12/27-12/28
- . HYCC Skating School Holiday Skating Show held Saturday, December 7th
- . Special Olympics games held on Sunday, December 15th
- . Shear's No Limit Basketball League has started their season and we are thrilled to serve as their home court.
- . Giving Tree (mittens, hats, gloves and scarves) – donated to Cape Cod Child Development

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- . We will host two more Special Olympics regional basketball events in the Gym (1/26 and 2/22).
- . Women's Hockey East Championships, March 7-9. Tickets are on sale now!

Tickets are only \$10 per day (\$5.00 for groups of 10 or more)

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

We are continuing to highlight the benefits of Membership to the HYCC. We have started a calling campaign to reach out to members who have let their membership lapse and to let them know about all the great things happening at the HYCC and that we would love to have them back.

**Staff Report, Patti Machado** – handout packet given, **(Exhibit 3)**.

Recreation Commission Meeting – Staff Report – January 6th, 2014

- A. Recreation Programs
  - a. Friday Night and Saturday Sunshine Flyers
  - b. Brief discussion of programs underway
- B. Aquatics
  - a. Concessions – Kalmus
  - b. Mobile
- C. Human Services
  - a. Youth Census for ages 17-25 that are homeless
- D. CPC
  - a. Property Next to McBarron Park
- E. Ball Fields
  - a. McKeon Field
    - i. Field Concerns
  - b. Lowell Park
    - i. Field Maintenance
    - ii. Bike Racks
- F. Administration
  - a. John Gleason – 10 year Service Award

**Liaison's Reports** – Richard Sawyer stated no CPC report. Joe O'Brien stated BBLI waiting on clarification from the Town Manager about group project with Lopes and Lombard fields for CIP funding. Lynne Poyant stated believe Capital Improvement Plan will be in tandem with CPC funds.

**Old Business** – Joe O'Brien stated looking for approval from the Commission to go ahead and contact someone in regards to getting padding for the basketball courts for safety concerns, know it is a funding issue. Lynne Poyant suggested contacting David Kenyok, Facilities Manager, first.

**New Business** – Kevin Turner stated we have a letter from Deidre and Barry Paster, W Barnstable with a check for \$500 for the Adam Prentice scholarship fund. Second letter is from the Cape Cod Miniature Society with a check for \$100 in appreciation for the use of the W Barnstable Community Center. Commission thanks them for their generous donations.

Motion is made by Joe O'Brien to adjourn Richard Sawyer second; **Vote** - all in favor.

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Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Materials Dated	Meeting Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit #
1/6/14	NA	1/6/14	BYC	Rec	BYC Info	1
1/6/14	1/6/14	1/6/14	J Izzo	Rec	Staff Report	2
1/6/14	1/6/14	1/6/14	P Machado	Rec	Staff Report	3

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Respectfully submitted by **Michele Arigo**, Recreation Division.

