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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

5 January 2015

Commission Members Present: Kevin Turner, Chairperson, Joe O'Brien, Vice-Chairperson, Richard Sawyer, Rene King, Kathy Pina, Paul Demanche and Michael Ewald

Also Present: Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services; Joe Izzo, General Manager HYCC; Debra Dagwan, Town Councilor

The meeting was called to order at 5:30, all commissioners introduced themselves. Kevin Turner requested a moment of silence for Justin Aristide. Motion made by Joe O'Brien to amend the date on the December 1 minutes and approve, Richard Sawyer second. **Vote** - all in favor.

Public Comment – Mark Buckley stated like to comment on local baseball use of Lowell Park. Believe the local town team not able to use the field as needed also concerned with work being done to the field. Richard Sawyer stated will look into.

Best Buddies, Bill Sykes – handout given (**Exhibit A**), Bill stated here to seek the approval of the Commission for our yearly permit. Everything is pretty much the same as years past. Kevin Turner asked Patti Machado if there were any issues. Patti stated no, everything went well. Discussion followed. Joe O'Brien asked where we are for the scholarship fund for Barnstable High School. Kevin Turner stated not sure will have to follow up on that. Bill Sykes stated will bring it up myself. **Motion:** Richard Sawyer stated move to go forward with the 2015 Best Buddy Challenge as submitted, Joe O'Brien second. **Vote** – all in favor.

Soccer Resort Overview, Niall Swan – handout given (**Exhibit B**). Niall stated modest first year, went very well. The common refrain was "We'll be back". Discounted entry was given to local Barnstable teams through UKSD program. At least twelve walk up inquires for 2015. Patti Machado stated perfect set up, weather was great, and they can accommodate more teams. Discussion followed. **Motion:** Rene King stated move forward with the second annual Soccer Resort Cape Cod Beach Soccer 2015 on August 8th and 9th, 2015, Joe O'Brien second. **Vote** – all in favor.

Staff Report, Joe Izzo – Handouts given (**Exhibit C**).

MONTHLY UPDATE

- High School Winter Sports Season Continues
 - Hockey (BHS Boys & Girls, PJP Boys, Mashpee/Monomoy Boys, Bourne/Mashpee/Wareham Girls)
 - Basketball (Sturgis East Boys & Girls, Sturgis West Boys & Girls, PJP Boys & Girls)
- Youth Hockey Programs are in full swing

- Barnstable Youth Hockey Association (BYHA)
- New England Junior Hockey (NEJH)
- January Events
 - Black Light Zumba Event – January 2nd *Rene King stated will give a report next month.*
 - Great partnership between the HYCC and YMCA on this event – Thank you Rene!
 - Spaulding Rehab/Capeable Adventures wheelchair basketball – January 17th and 31st
 - BHS Boys Hockey “Nate Nickerson Tournament” – 1/17-1/18
 - Women’s Basketball League tryout started Jan 4th – Continue every Sunday from 10:30-12:30pm

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- HYCC Skating School – Holiday Show – Saturday, December 6th
- HYCC Holiday Party – Friday, December 19th; *George Noonan did a great job very festive atmosphere.*
- HYCC Member Dinner “Christmas Party”, *special Thanks to the Casual Gourmet for providing a wonderful meal and gifts for the kids who attended. Kathy Pina asked do they have high chairs. Joe Izzo stated will look into. Rene King stated will contact ABC Baby Center about high chairs.*
- BHS Boys Hockey Tournaments – 12/12-12/13 and 12/26-12/27 *Joe O’Brien stated over holiday season all great feedback on HYCC. Kevin Turner stated Sean Rycroft will be here next month to give an update. Discussion followed.*

LOOKING FORWARD

- Women’s Hockey East Championships will return to the HYCC 3/6/15 – 3/7/15
- Youth Hockey Tournaments
 - Both Barnstable Youth Hockey and New England Junior Hurricanes will host hockey tournaments in February. *Joe Izzo stated if students in the BYHA program are in a game jersey they get into the game for free.*
- US Figure Skating Theatre on Ice (6/18/15 - 6/21/15)
 - *Yarmouth Ice Club will be the host skating club and they have received permission from the Town Manager for use of the entire facility. HYCC staff is working with the Town Manager’s office, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce and Yarmouth Ice Club on the event. More details will be available in the coming months.*

HYCC SEASONAL STAFF

I want to publicly recognize the HYCC seasonal staff for all their hard work and dedication. We have a diverse staff of passionate and hard working individuals. They are on the front lines every day and deal with a lot of different issues (some good, some bad and some bizarre). I am grateful for their hard work and their willingness to continue everyday to make the HYCC a great place for people to come.

Staff Report, Patti Machado – handout given (Exhibit D).

- A. Recreation Programs
 - a. Winter Participation Number & Comparisons (see attached)
 - b. Maritime Museum Build a Sailing Skiff Program *Patti stated we will be having a class, \$50 program fee for transportation and t-shirts for the volunteers running the program.*
 - i. JFK Memorial Donation- *Patti Machado stated they donated the \$1,500 for the supplies to build the skiff.*
- B. Aquatics
 - a. Concessions – *Kalmus, three people took out RFP, didn’t fill in 2014, Perry’s Last Stand did a mobile concession.*
- C. Human Services

- a. Youth Census for ages 17-25 that are homeless, *Patti stated will be doing end of January, next to Boston the Cape has largest youth homeless. Discussion followed.*

D. Facilities

- a. Tennis Courts
- b. Lombard Field and Parking Lot

E. Administration

- a. Mass Recreation & Parks Association Conference
 - i. Held at U Mass Amherst – March 10th-12th *Patti stated on the Conference Committee this year, a lot of national people will be presenting.*

Liaison's Report – Joe O'Brien stated Barnstable Little League's work on the field is almost done. All things look like a go for 2015. Discussion followed.

Richard Sawyer stated we had a CPC meeting a week after our last Recreation meeting, had a presentation of a letter of intent in the amount of \$884,000 for the JFK Memorial, coming out of Recreation. I was very much surprised by this and had no knowledge, did anyone on the Commission know about this. No one on the Commission knew. Patti Machado stated is operated by the Trust Fund but it is recreational land, it was presented by the Trust Fund. Richard asked if there was any talk to keep Recreation out of the discussion. Patti Machado stated do not think it was deliberate or intentional; they are kind of their own entity, because they do their own fundraising and try to run it without town funds. With the 50th Anniversary coming up, they recognized that some extensive work is needed to keep it in good repair. Richard Sawyer stated the CPC Board sent them away requesting more information; their letter of intent was very vague. Richard stated he feels irrelevant, or that we are a necessary nuisance or that we are being bypassed. The Recreation Commission should be involved in this stuff, asking for a lot of money under the Recreation heading. Richard Sawyer stated to Patti Machado to convey my feelings. Patti stated she would. Discussion followed.

Old Business – Kevin Turner stated everyone received the email regarding sailing for adults. Patti Machado, Joe O'Brien and I meet with Ms. Scudder, Chair of Sail Cape Cod and Michael Murphy, Steward of the Hyannis Yacht Club to have a discussion about certification and adult/senior sailing. Kevin stated it is approximately \$500 to get one person certified, they would be able to teach others what they learned but not able to certify anyone. Will reach out through Deb Dagwan to see if there is anyway to get funding for this and how to go about it. Sail Cape Cod going forward is hoping to offer sailing for seniors and adults, but they want to be clear it is not a "cocktail cruise" that it is a sailing lesson. Not feasible or profitable at this time for us to offer senior/adult sailing but we could try to coordinate with Sail Cape Cod by offering a link through our website or brochure, it would offer our citizens an opportunity to learn sailing if they wish. Discussion followed. Kevin Turner stated Patti Machado will research and then move forward and update us.

New Business – Kevin Turner stated at next meeting get some clarification from Lynne Poyant on the conflict of interest rules. Richard Sawyer stated there is a form we need to fill out. Kevin requested the Commissioners to submit what other boards they serve on to him.

Motion made by Rene King to adjourn Richard Sawyer second; **Vote - all in favor.**

Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Material Dated	Meeting Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit
1/5/15	NA	1/5/15	Bill Sykes	Rec	Best Buddies	A
1/5/15	NA	1/5/15	Niall Swan	Rec Com	Beach Soccer '14	B
1/5/15	1/5/15	1/5/15	Joe Izzo	Rec	Staff Rpt	C
1/5/15	1/5/15	1/5/15	Patti Machado	Rec	Staff Rpt	D

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