

TOWN OF BARNSTABLE BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION



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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 4 October 2010

Commission Members Present: Joe O'Brien – Chairman, Clyde Takala – Vice Chairman
Andy Gauthier, Rene King, Dan Proto and Kevin Turner

Commission Members Absent: Kathy Pina

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, roll call was taken. Clyde Takala made a motion to accept the minutes from September, seconded by Andy Gauthier, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

George Soares –Barnstable Youth Hockey President George Soares gave a brief update on the BYHA program. He said it was in full swing, August tryouts ran smoothly and he hasn't heard of one complaint. Every participant is placed and divided among the Cape League. He was able to get BYHA into the South Shore Conference. There will be 21 Cape League games and 30 South Shore games. **Dan Proto** asked George if the new HYCC is the reason for getting into the South Shore Conference. **George** said they got in because of the girls program and South Shore was very impressed with the HYCC. He also said that when he took over BYH as president, there was no budget. He created a budget and formed a financial committee and everything is running smoothly. **Joe O'Brien** asked if they were able to get the ice time they needed. **George** informed the Commission that about a week ago there was an issue where the South Shore and the Cape League didn't utilize last weekend's ice time and gave back a number of hours. **Joe** asked if the new facility has cut down on travel time for BYHA. **George** said yes, the majority of games are at the rink, but there is some travel. **George** asked if the tuition goes up can the Recreation Division let them know prior to February. **David Curley** said they would let BYHA know in advance. The Commission members thanked George Soares for coming to the meeting.

User Fees **David Curley** handed out information regarding three areas; Programs, Aquatic, and HYCC. In Program's he asked the Commission to consider raising the cost of the Summer Leisure Program \$25; it would go from \$675 to \$700 for seven weeks. With the credit card program, the Recreation Division is going to absorb the transaction fees and many people may be using a credit card to pay for the program and we need to be ready for those additional costs. At \$675, the Leisure Program, a revolving program, is a great value for the residents, but with the current fees the Recreation Division will not recover its direct costs, which are needed in revolving programs. **David** said the Town Manager's fee hearing is being held for December 7th, 2010 at the Town Hall. Concerning the Aquatic program; this program needs to recover 100% of its costs and right now, there is a 95% recovery rate. **David** proposed an

increase in the daily parking fee by \$5 on weekends and holidays. It would be \$15 Monday thru Friday, \$20 Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays. **David** continued with the HYCC enterprise account. He said 3700 memberships were sold and they were going to keep the memberships available for \$20 / \$40. **David** said that the rinks weren't as busy as they expected. The economy had a negative impact and they took a hit with the camps and clinics. He is recommending that in the spring one sheet of ice is melted for dry floor activities to generate and save money. He said he is looking into purchasing fake turf. **Rene** asked if putting the floor down would be an opportunity for the youth to volunteer and give back to the community. **David** said that issue would need to be discussed more. **Rene** asked if the turf could be used for roller skating. **David** said there is concrete now under the Butler Rink. **Rene** said that she always roller skated on wood. **David** said he is proposing to raise the ice fee for \$10 more an hour. Barnstable Youth Hockey, Camps/clinics, and Tournaments would go from \$225 to \$235, Junior Hockey (CC Cubs) raise the \$200 fee to \$210, and Private and Adult Leagues would be raised from \$240 to \$250. **David** said that there is a vendor coming into the Pro Shop, they are waiting on the contracts to be signed and approved. **Clyde Takala** made a motion to approve the Director's recommendation for the fee increases for January 2011, FY2012, seconded by **Rene King**. **Kevin Turner** asked if they were voting on the individual fees or voting on the three fees as a package. **Dan Proto** asked if the BYHA/ CC Cubs could handle the \$10 increase in ice time. **Kevin** asked if the user groups were given ample notice of the fee increases. **David** said that the BYHA and the CC Cubs both have signed contracts with the new rates in place; these rates are to go up January 1, 2011. With the motion on the floor, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously to support the Director's fee increases.

New Business **Andy Gauthier** informed the Commission that he works for Craigville Beach Association in the summer and wanted to thank the Lifeguards from Craigville Beach who assisted CBA in an incident they had over the summer. The names are as follows: Mark McLaughlin, Nick Steward, Liz Dropo, Coley Ferraro, Demi Miskiv, John Nucci, Blake Thompson, Jack McGonigle, Camille Young, Kelsey Rudeck, Ryan Brooks, and AJ Troiano.

Joe O'Brien asked if a letter should be sent to these individuals. **Andy** said that he would draft a letter.

Andy asked David Curley if there was a requirement for employees working in the HYCC to be CPR certified and if they are compensated for the \$80 class. **David** said that for the dry floor end in the HYCC it is a requirement for the staff coming in but they pay for the refresher course to keep their certifications active. **Andy** asked if the staff was made aware of this CPR requirement when they are applying for the position. **David** said he would look into it and get back to him.

Old Business Zumba Fundraiser **Rene** said fundraiser for the Wishing Well fund will be held November 20th 2-4 pm in the HYCC Gym. It is an event for all ages and fitness levels. There will be light refreshments served. The fundraiser fee will be \$8-\$10 per person or each individual can donate a set amount. **Clyde** made a motion to approve the Zumbathon, seconded by **Andy**, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

Recycled Sports Equipment **Rene** said that she would like to put this issue on the November agenda.

Centerville Field Project **Kevin Turner** made a motion to send the thank you letter to the abutters of Bay Lane Centerville Ball Field Project, seconded by **Clyde**, the Commission voted and it was approved unanimously.

Public Comment None

Director's Report **David Curley** gave his Director's Report. See Attached.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1st, 2010 at 5:30 at Town Hall. November's agenda items are as follows: Used Sports Equipment, Hyannis Harbor Hawks, and Cotuit Kettleers. December's agenda items are as follows: Cape Cod Cubs and Bill Sykes Best Buddies. **Kevin Turner** wanted an update on the High School Track and Field and said he would contact Pat Murphy. **Joe O'Brien** said he wanted an update on the scholarship request from Bill Sykes and Best Buddies and will wait to hear in December.

Kevin Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Clyde**, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Garfield, Principal Division Assistant, Recreation Division.