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## RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 7 April 2014

**Commission Members Present:** Kevin Turner, Chairperson, Joe O'Brien, Vice-Chairperson, Richard Sawyer, Bill Dado & Rene King

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

The meeting was called to order all commissioners present introduced themselves. Motion made by Richard Sawyer to approve minutes of March 3, 2014, as submitted, Joe O'Brien second. **Vote** - all in favor.

### **Public Comment – NONE**

**Best Buddies, Bill Sykes** – Went over handout (**Exhibit A**). Some changes were made in order to have the Licensing Board, onboard and to accommodate neighbors. The event is pretty much the same as the previous years. Music will be acoustic, not as loud as past years. Rene King asked who the entertainment is. Bill stated Drop Kick Murphy's. Bill Sykes stated riders and participants capped at 1,500. Kevin Turner asked if Sgt. McKenna is happy with the parking and traffic flow. Bill stated yes and we have added another officer this year. Richard Sawyer stated you meet with Mrs. Cappizzi and how did that go. Bill stated yes, don't know if it went well, but we are trying to accommodate her as much as possible; have done a lot to try and make her happy, also try to get in touch with to let her know when things are being loaded in. Patti Machado stated I invited her to join us so she could address you. Richard asked if she responded. Patti stated obviously no. Richard Sawyer stated so you listened and are doing your best to try and accommodate her. Bill yes. Patti stated they did more than listen to her Best Buddies has done their best to accommodate her without taking away from the entire event. Richard stated that is what I am trying to get stated on the record. Richard Sawyer asked about the other neighbors. Patti Machado stated we have had no other complaints. Bill Skye's stated generally speaking doesn't get any complaints and if I do try to react to them as quickly as possible. This is the biggest fund raiser Best Buddies has. Richard stated Best Buddies has always addressed our issues; find you to be a very amenable organization. Discussion followed. Rene King made motion to support Best Buddies again this year, Richard Sawyer second; **Vote**- all in favor.

**Barnstable Little League, Tony Colesano** – Tony stated we are here seeking approval and support for field improvement at Lorusso Field. Field shown by PowerPoint. Three

things we are looking to do: 1. Function; 2. Safety; and 3. Esthetics. Make it a nice place for the kids to play at and make it enjoyable for the fans to be there. We are now just trying to follow the steps we need to in order to get this done. We have been to the School Department which sent us to the Cape Cod Commission which we are working with. Discussion followed. Tony stated the CCC is looking at a water garden where the drain is at, on the map. Haven't looked at the placement of a concession stand that would be down the road. Looking to just get approval for moving the field. We are not looking for funding, we have that, and a lot of businesses are onboard and happy about this. Sam Lorusso is fully onboard with something like this. Joe Scott, Vice President, stated our primary goal is to get the field of play ready, grass, irrigation, back stop and the dugouts, if we get the home run fence up the sides the first year that would be great, depends on funding. Discussion followed. Patti Machado stated more activity in this area is better. Rene King asked for safety purposes is there enough space if all three are being used. Patti stated yes, repairing basketball court, the netting on the skate board park can be used. Rene stated she likes the idea of building a "campus" keep all groups safe. Kevin Turner stated have three questions Steve Mele wanted addressed: 1. Vandalism; more activities less vandalism; 2. Parking; 3. Drainage. Tony stated working with the CCC on the drainage and there is parking around the back of the field, if needed. Motion made to support Barnstable Little League as they go forward with Lorusso Field by Richard Sawyer second Joe O'Brien. **Vote** – all in favor. Tony Colesano stated I have served as the safety officer for the fields. We assigned two teams to each field, on Sunday. On each field between 30-50 people cleaning with rakes, shovels, etc. It was wonderful. A ten year posted pictures on Instagram about his family volunteering with clean up. Joe O'Brien stated Little League has always done a great job maintaining the fields, always pristine. You guys do a great job. Patti Machado stated Little League did not just work on the fields they use, they worked on almost all the fields the town has, and it is a big deal that there were that many people volunteering. Richard Sawyer stated this effort goes a long way with CPC; they like to hear it is being maintained, when you ask for CPC money make sure to mention that. Tony said it is commendable about our community. Rene stated this is a replicable model and appeal to all our sports groups to follow. Joe O'Brien stated please let your families and board know how much the Recreation Commission appreciates what they have done, we really, really appreciate it. Thank you.

**Staff Report, Joe Izzo – Joe** went over the following handout (**Exhibit B**)

### **US FIGURE SKATING ADULT NATIONALS**

April 8 – 12th the HYCC welcomes the 2014 U.S. Adult Figure skating Championships, hosted by the Yarmouth Ice Club. *Joe Izzo stated wish to thank Yarmouth Ice Club and the Cape Cod Chamber for bring this event to the HYCC, and to the town, brings a lot of business to the community.*

[www.2014usadultnationalchampionships.com](http://www.2014usadultnationalchampionships.com)

Over 600 skaters are expected to participate in this annual US Figure Skating Event. Tickets will be available for purchase at the HYCC.

### **MARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

BHS Girls Hockey State Tournament Game (3/1)

Women's Hockey East (3/7-3/9) *Joe stated sold 1,100 tickets for the games. Our staff did a great job keep the facility up.*

Lobster Pot – hosted by BYHA (3/14-3/16)

Barnstable Youth Basketball League Tournament (3/14-3/16)  
Cape Cod High School All Star Basketball Game (3/16)  
PeeWee State Hockey Tournament – hosted by BYHA (3/21-3/23)  
HYCC Skating School Spring Skating Show (3/29)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

United States Figure Skating Adult National Championships (4/8-4/12)  
Spring Programs Begin week of April 13th (wiffleball, street hockey, spring sports, teeball)  
US Coast Guard Commandants Cup (5/1-5/2)  
2nd Annual Cape Cod Science and Nature Expo (5/2) *Joe stated in the Gym this year, as we will have ice in Butler until mid June. Amy Harwood is putting this together. Thursday is set up, Friday school day, Saturday open for the public, \$5 for adults, children four and under free.*

### **FACILITY OPERATIONS – STATUS REPORT**

We are continuing to work with the Town of Barnstable Structures and Grounds Division to address the long term cleaning plan for the facility.

Rene King stated have a question, this is regarding how we proceed going forward renting the facility for extended events that are more than two days, skating events are great all around, but the impact to the youth. Folks have concerns about the facility being off limits to our kids. Need to think about this moving forward. Joe O'Brien stated heard from folks concerning the same. Have a liaison from the Recreation Commission work with you and try to be helpful. Bill Dado stated what would we have done if this event took place during school vacation, where would people go. Joe Izzo stated speaks to the balance that we are always trying to find, the balance of the community versus the balance of an enterprise fund. Kevin Turner stated would it be worth having Amy Harwood come and address the Commission, as she is the one out getting these events. Rene stated we have other facilities and with a little planning we could have had displaced folks go there. Debra Dagwan asked how we are communicating the closure to schools, the community, and parents. Joe Izzo stated truthfully we have not done a good job communicating it to the masses, not well executed. Have some signage up, an email blast, staff communicating to the youth. Joe O'Brien asked was it Yarmouth Ice Club's request to have the entire building. Joe Izzo stated yes, they had a good idea in December of 2012 they would win the event and requested it at that time. Joe O'Brien stated this was approved by the Town Manager. Joe Izzo stated yes, I do not have that power. Discussion followed. Kevin Turner stated I will ask Amy to the May meeting and I will let her know about the liaison position and if she thinks it would be an appropriate place for us.

### **Staff Report, Patti Machado** – Patti went over following, (Exhibit C)

#### A. Administration

- a. Massachusetts's Recreation and Parks Association Conference *Patti stated brought flyer for Richard. Very beneficial.*
- b. Mental Health First Aid Certification – April 4<sup>th</sup> *Patti stated thirty people attend, Kevin Turner was one, helps us to identify potential situations.*
- c. Christian's Law State Hearing – April 16<sup>th</sup>, *Patti stated the legislatures are making unrealistic changes.*

#### B. Spring Recreation Programs

- a. Summer Leisure Program Registration – Centerville Elm. & Grade 6/7 Intermediate School Programs (Sites are full) *Patti stated very important to go on the waiting list.*
  - b. Easter Eggs-travaganza – April 12<sup>th</sup> – See Flyer
  - c. Patriot' Run – BHS April 21<sup>st</sup> – See flyer
  - d. Registration Numbers for Spring – See Attached
- C. Fields
- a. Over- all – See attached *Patti stated no attached, will get to you.*
  - b. Little League Clean Up Weekend – April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> *Patti stated love that our youth are taking ownership applaud Little League for their efforts.*
- D. Skate Park – See Attached *Patti stated we are a little behind in getting this up and running.*
- E. Aquatics
- a. Lifeguard Tryouts – April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> *Patti stated LG turn over year. Hopefully we will have a full staff. They have to invest \$1,000 in training just to work for us.*
    - i. Senior Center - 8:30am-11am
    - ii. YMCA – 12:30 pm - 3:30pm
  - b. 2013 Cape & Island Heroes Awards *Patti Machado stated this was the "best thing ever" very emotional, just awesome and so proud.*



Matt Goula, Brian Cundiff, Claire Barre', Julia Rugo, Meghan Mamlock, Kellen Comer and Missing is Sam Holway

Patti Machado gave Paws for Beach flyers to the Commission (**Exhibit D**). They have over forty vendors without advertising. It is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11-3 at Craigville, Cold Nose Foundation is putting it on. Celebrating the last weekend for dogs at the beach, fun event. So exciting. All the donations will go to the Barnstable Dog Park.

**Liaison's Reports** – Richard Sawyer stated CPC did approve the \$125,000 funding for the field study and sent it to Town Council, Richard asked Debra Dagwan if it was approved. Debra stated yes. Joe O'Brien stated since meeting there has been a change of heart about Barnstable Little League Bay Lane staying in the fields study. They would like to be out of it, so they can continue to move ahead.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – Kevin stated have had a request to use the Craigville Beach for a Zumbathon. Rick Garceau, co-owner of the Captain David Kelly House, we wish to us the beach for a Zumbathon to raise money for the MS Society. Handed out flyer, (**Exhibit E**). Selling orange bracelet for \$20 which gets you into the Zumbathon, all the money will go to MS. The event will be to the right of the bathhouse. Fifteen to twenty foot flag will be placed where the event will be, 8am-9:30am, April 26, two helpers, Bose sound system (facing towards the ocean), not a lot to set up. Joe O'Brien rain date? Rick stated no, would have to contact and state I would set a rain date. Kevin Turner asked any permitting issues. Patti Machado stated no, they haven't started. Rick will go to Town Manager's office tomorrow. Rene King stated fabulous idea. Motion to support as long as permits are in place so moved by Rene King, second Richard Sawyer, **Vote** – all in favor.

Joe O'Brien stated Wayne Glover passed away; like to go on record, heart goes out to the Glover family, great guy, involved in youth hockey for many years, just there for the kids. Patti Machado stated he was a big advocate for the Barnstable Recreation. Did a lot of things behind the scenes. He was a class act. Did things silently.

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

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours

\*\*Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 On-Demand at <http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us>

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

Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Materials Dated	Meeting Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit #
4/7/14	NA	4/7/14	Bill Skyes	Recreation	Best Buddies	A
4/7/14	4/7/14	4/7/14	Joe Izzo	Recreation	Staff Report	B
4/7/14	4/7/14	4/7/14	P Machado	Recreation	Staff Report	C
4/7/14	NA	4/7/14	P Machado	Recreation	Paws at the Beach Party	D
4/7/14	NA	4/7/14	Rick Garceau	Recreation	MS Zumbathon	E