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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES 9 January 2017

Commission Members Present: Kevin Turner - Chair, Joe O'Brien - Vice Chair, Richard Sawyer, Kathy Pina and Renee Dowling

Absent: Rene King

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm, all commissioners present introduced themselves.

Motion made by Richard Sawyer to accept the minutes from the November 7, 2016 meeting as submitted; Motion was second by Renee Dowling. Vote - All in Favor.

Public Comment: None

Best Buddies Overview – Bill Sykes: Exhibit

14th Annual Best Buddies Challenge: Saturday, June 3rd. Set up dates starts May 22, break down dates June 4th – 8th. Four start lines again. The race is capped at 1500 Participants (due to size of tent and crowd). Major Sponsors include; Santander, John Hancock, TJX Company Bank of New York Mellon & Cannondale. Money raised last year was four million dollars. There are changes made on the second page, to address some concerns of the neighbors near the party area. I sent the changes to the licensing board and they have accepted the changes (no need to show up for a hearing for the first time)

Turner: Is the break down longer from the start?

Sykes: The beach part is cleaned up the day after, completely done by Sunday morning. It takes a little more time to break down the big tents.

Machado: The Triathlon may be moved to the following weekend because there is an opening and extra weekend in there. It is more of a community event now; there are more positive responses from the town people. It has been handled wonderfully.

Sykes: We have new security teams and new parking teams in the area.

Sawyer goes on record to state the Recreation Commission strongly endorses this event.

Sykes: We are moving the victory tent as far forward as we possibly can to mitigate the noise better. It will be easier to control traffic too. Helps with VIP Celebrity guest parking in front of the tent now too because there is no room.

Machado: This works better for us because less people will be trying to come out of the tent with alcohol in that location.

Renee Dowling makes a motion for the Recreation Commission to support the Best Buddies Challenge, Joe O'Brien seconds the motion. AYE: ALL. So Voted Unanimously.

Recreation Commission Attendance Discussion:

Turner: There are no set guidelines. It is up to the Commission to set them.

Sawyer suggests after 3 absences you are put on probation, after 4 absences you need to be reinstated by the commission, after 5 absences in one year period you are automatically off the Commission.

Carrie Osborn: It is the same with the Youth Commission.

Pina suggests we find out reasons from people; give them an opportunity to explain why. Pina suggests after 3 absences they come forth and tell us why they are missing meetings. Then if we don't agree with the reasons (why), then they are put on probation

O'Brien: Should there be a thought about an excused or an unexcused absence? Set precedence for excused absence as opposed to unexcused absences.

Dowling: Agrees excused vs. unexcused might need to be explored and considered. The other point is, there aren't people knocking down the door to get on this Commission. It's a volunteer position, and we do very important work, but why would you penalize someone?

Sawyer: We have 7 members and when 2 of them are missing constantly, we don't have a quorum. We have had to cancel meetings because of this before.

Turner states that a person may not want the reason to be known (to the whole group). If 3 absences occur & we aren't contacted to let us know why, I don't have a problem with probation at that time.

Members don't believe that the excuse of work 3 times as being a viable excuse.

O'Brien: If someone has 3, 4, 5, 6 absences, the person needs to see if this commitment is something they can even do.

Sawyer: We have someone who hasn't shown up for 6 meetings in a row. We need a mechanism to dismiss this person, an internal policy to get that person off the Commission.

Dowling doesn't think it's fair if the Commission goes retro-active with the new policy. Sawyer believes it is appropriate to look at the person with the 6 month absence history.

Turner: Are we comfortable with 3 unexcused absences & then we put them on probation? We can't kick people off, but we can ask for their resignation. With 5 unexcused absences, maybe have the ability to ask the Appointment Committee for a replacement?

Sawyer suggests the Commission define acceptable excuses.

Turner believes that the chair should determine if an absence is excused or not excused. He doesn't believe a person's personal business, is the business of the Commission. Doesn't believe work would constitute an excused absence.

Pina believes work, sick or grand-children related, anything important, should be excused.

O'Brien feels that to give someone the opportunity to have a reason excused, you would need to let the chair or commission know ahead that you are not coming, and the reason why, except in the case of an emergency.

Chair Turner asks for a Motion. Renee Dowling makes a motion that after a member has three unexcused absences, which includes no prior knowledge (in case of an emergency), the member will be placed on probation, which means the chair will contact that member for an explanation and discussion of the member's continued presence on the Commission. The motion was seconded by Richard Sawyer.

Turner asks the Commission to think about the next steps. An agenda item for next month what comes after the 3 unexcused absences?

Carrie Osborn is not completely sure of the exact written attendance policy for the Youth Commission. She will check with the Chairman and get back to the Recreation Commission.

HYCC Staff Reports

Joe Izzo – Handout Exhibit A

January Outlook:

- Very busy month. We have high school winter sports season in full swing. Basketball and Hockey; Basketball for Barnstable High School boys and girls, St. John Paul boys hockey program, the Mashpee Monomoy High School Hockey Program, Basketball Sturgis East boys & girls, Sturgis West boys & girls, St. John Paul boys & girls, Youth Hockey continues with Barnstable Youth Hockey Association, New England Jr. Hurricanes and the Cape Cod Penguins. Sheas Nolan Youth Basketball League, this is their 4th year with us here (Sat./Sun. afternoons).
- Black Light Zumbathon on Friday Night in conjunction with the YMCA.
- Women's Basketball League starts in January.

December Highlights:

- December starts the High School Winter Sports Season.
- Hosted the 5th Annual Holiday Skating Show, December 3rd. Celebration of the learn to skate kids (for the program that ran from September – December)
- Last Friday of every month we hold a dinner for HYCC members. We had the Holiday dinner, it was a pasta dinner sponsored by the Casual Gourmet. We had gift cards & goody bags for the kids.
- December we hosted Cape Cod Stripes fundraiser tournament on Wednesday December 28th (2 boys' games/2 girls' games). It is a fundraiser for the Referees here on Cape Cod.
- New Maintenance Custodian, Nick Branton was hired. He came from Structures & Grounds as a seasonal employee.

Rink Pricing Matrix: Exhibit B

Rate pricing is broken into 3 seasons:

Frame Work of Rink Pricing:

- Busy Season (Oct – March)
- July and August – (Camp and Daytime Ice Usage)
- April, May, June & September (Off Season)

We are not raising the ceiling price on ice rates (\$250) for an hour of ice. Asking to raise the other levels early morning ice or night time ice rates \$25 - \$50 (ie. from \$150 to \$175).

Turner: The rink is an Enterprise Account. How are we supposed to know if this proposal will provide adequate funding, if we don't know what the enterprise account holds/needs? If it is a formality and you don't need our approval on this, then don't come before us.

Poyant: For the last few years through the budget cycle the general fund has made a subsidy to the operations of the HYCC. During the construction of the project it was determined that we would be able to start making payments back to the Capital Trust Fund and that hasn't happened. There is a need for us to increase the rates.

Turner: I believe you, but I'd like to see it. Are we producing money?

Poyant: We are producing money & we live within our means, to the best of our ability however, we have been accepting General Fund subsidies & we have not been able to pay the Capital Trust Fund back. It's shown every year in budget cycle & is on the website.

Sawyer: Did you expect more utilization of the space and you are not getting utilization of the space so you are looking to raise the rates?

Poyant: That is correct and we are expected to repay the Capital Trust Fund. There were certain things the marketing people told us we'd be bringing into the facility that we have not been. The plan was when we hit year 18 we would fully fund the capital trust fund and it would increase incrementally until year 18.

There is further discussion on the rate increase. The budget and fee process is reviewed.

The Commission members ask why this item has come before them. It is communicated that when the Town Manager holds his fee hearings he wants to know if a Committee or Commission has reviewed the proposed fee changes, first.

Sawyer: Do all users pay fees? Poyant: Yes, including schools. We do have scholarships for memberships.

Richard Sawyer makes a motion to accept the pricing structure as submitted by Joe Izzo. Renee Dowling seconds the motion. All Aye. So Voted Unanimously.

O'Brien asks about open times at the gymnasium? The schedule is reviewed and it is established that the HYCC is pretty much booked up until the first week of March.

Hyannis Sprint Triathlon Overview – Kathleen Walker & Andy Scherding

(Applications for the Hyannis Sprint I & II) Going on 35 years for this event. Sprint I to be held on Saturday, June 17th (a week later than usual) & Sprint II on Saturday, September 9th.

Machado states we have locals taking it over once again. She believes this will boost the attendance numbers a bit, which have been falling in recent years.

Walker: I am a Certified Race Director & Lifeguard. We are very familiar with the race/course. We met with Rich Havens, he will be working with us (the first race). Safety is the #1 Priority.

O'Brien commented that he has been a spectator at this event. It was run very well; people had smiles on their faces & were having a good time.

Joe O'Brien makes a motion to support both Sprint Triathlons for June 17th and September 9th. Renee Dowling seconds the motion. AYE: All. So Voted Unanimously.

Staff Report, Patti Machado – Handout (Exhibit B)

Recreation Programs:

Winter Programs

- Basketball Program got pushed back a bit.
- Turkey Shoot (John Gleason).
- Friday Night Social Turkey Dinner – About 60 people. All of our special needs adults share what they are thankful for, feast and then dance the night away.
- Holiday Baking Challenge – Beal Family – Amie Bakery Sponsor * Judge Kevin Turner. Joe O'Brien competed. It was a fun evening; a lot of families are looking to come back.
- Boat Building finished December 14th. We finished a skiff row boat & are getting ready to build a motor boat. This is the first time ever. The kids who participated wanted to take it to the next skill level. The volunteers are amazing & become mentors to the kids.

Facilities

Tennis Courts: Were locked up on December 1st except Osterville. We haven't redone that court & some residents walk it.

Skate Park:

- The bowls really need to be fixed. The cost is about \$27,000. There was money left over from the project but not enough to finish the bowls.
- Mark Marinacchio & Lynne Poyant went before CPC to ask for money to finish the bowls. They received the funding.

- Town Council had the first read for this item. It will go in front of the Town Council on January 19th for the second read.

Administration

- We have a new assistant director, John Gleason.
- A decision package was put together with everything the department wants. It then goes in front of the Town Manager.

Liaison's Report: Nothing new on the Osterville Bay Project. Sawyer encourages the group to check out the little Fenway. Joe Scott says he is booked all next summer already.

New Business:

Agenda Items for Next Month:

- Barnstable Youth Basketball will be in attendance
- Attendance: What to do after 3 unexcused absences
- Invite the Cape Cod Baseball League & Harbor Hawks before their seasons start

**Sawyer makes a motion to adjourn, Dowling seconds the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 6:33 pm.
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 www.town.barnstable.ma.us. Respectfully submitted by Stacey Hurwitz, Administrative Assistant

List of documents / exhibits used by the Commission at the meeting

- Exhibit A: Staff Report - Joe Izzo
- Exhibit B: Rink Rate Pricing Structure Handout
- Exhibit C: Sprint I & II Application
- Exhibit D: Staff Report - Patti Machado