

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
March 9, 2011
A.V.A.S. Building, 7:15pm

Members Present: Elizabeth Shelton, William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora, and Steve Renner.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:22pm.

Approval of Agenda

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed.

Approval of Minutes January 12, 2011

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2011 as written; motion was seconded by S. Renner and passed.

Old Business

Winter Carnival- The Commission discussed the cancellation of the Winter Carnival in 2011 made by the Alton Business Association due to the predicted unsafe ice conditions. The Commission noted that providing an alternative site with modified activities and publicizing that information in advance may be an option for future years instead of canceling the event. The Alton Bay parking lot and Christian Conference Center were discussed as possible alternate sites. The Commission stated that the outdoor Winter Carnival is a weather permitting event and most people understand that we can not control the ice and weather conditions. The Commission noted that some of the big draw events like the Bed Race and Fly-In may not be able to take place if the ice conditions are not safe and said consideration should be given to the effect on the whole event without the major activities.

Winter Program Update- K. Troendle reported that the day time snow shoeing event is going well with weekly attendance of 3-6 participants. The Gunstock Night Ridge Tour went well with 8 participants even though it was raining and windy and the Full Moon hike was successful with 15 participants. The department is also sponsoring: Little Pesaukees, Two Yoga Classes per week and Two Zumba Classes per week and all programs are going well.

New Business

2011 Basketball Program Review- The Commission discussed the following topics under the Basketball Program: (1) Equal Teams- The Commission discussed drafting players to be included on each team in an effort to balance the teams' skill level. The draft would take place at the coaches meeting when players were assigned to teams; (2) Coach Concern- K. Troendle reported a parent met with her in regard to concerns about a coach and the equal play rule and that some players were not given the opportunity to play equally in the program, especially in the GYO Tournament. S. Renner noted he observed that the Alton players were not playing equally in the Gilmanton Tournament for 3&4 grade girls but didn't see that as a concern because most players were happy to be there cheering for their team. The Commission noted that all coaches should be reminded that the Parks and Recreation philosophy is to build skills and team work and for players to get exercise; winning is not the goal of the program; (3) GYO Tournament- K. Troendle reported that four Alton teams participated in the GYO Tournament and their skills were well practiced. The A1 Girls received first place, A2 Girls received second place and A1 Boys received 4th place in the Tournament; (4) Awards Night- The Commission discussed the awards nights and the value of recognizing participants and coaches for their contributions to the program. It was noted that the program is not breaking even with the expenses and it is difficult to find paid and volunteer help to run the awards night event. The department received feedback from parents that the awards night was long and it was hard for the older players to sit through the speeches of the younger players teams. The Commission discussed the cost of the event and decided to not increase the registration cost to participate but to reduce costs by not including an awards night with ice cream and medals at the end of the sports program season.

1/2 Marathon Water Station Theme- The 1/2 Marathon is May 7, 2011 in Alton Bay. The Commission decided to do the M*A*S*H theme and make motivational signs.

Summer Programs-

Adult Softball- K. Troendle reported that she contacted the towns that participate in the youth sports programs and invited them to either join our established league or for Alton to play games versus their town. Wolfeboro and Barnstead said they may be interested in getting their own league formed to play Alton. The Commission noted the importance of the other towns understanding and agreeing to play with the Alton League rules so the rules are the same.

Canoe Race- The Commission discussed sending a direct mailing to the past participants informing them the 2011 race may be the last Canoe Race if participation numbers are low.

Summer Concert Schedule- K. Troendle reported that the 2011 Concert schedule is complete with several new bands and one specific band for children. Meredith Village Savings Bank said they will sponsor one of the bands this summer.

5K Race Sponsorship with Meredith Village Savings Bank- K. Troendle reported she met with MVSB and they would like to offer long sleeve black shirts to volunteers and pre-registered runners and they also suggested towels for the category prize winners in blue if that color is available.

Summer Brochure- K. Troendle is in the process of working on the Summer Brochure which will be offering many of the same programs as last summer.

Park Facilities Map- The map is an ongoing project and is expected to be completed before the summer season.

Other

Community Service- E. Shelton said the Prospect Mountain High School Students will be required to perform thirty hours of community service before graduation and may be a volunteer resource for the Department.

Adjournment

G. Theodora made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm; motion was seconded by E. Shelton and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:00pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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