

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
July 13, 2011
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: Cathy Burke, William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora, and Steve Renner (7:45pm-8:45pm).

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order by W. Lionetta at 6:30pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes: June 7, 2011

W. Lionetta made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 7, 2011 as written; motion was seconded by G. Theodora and passed.

Old Business

Adult Softball Program- the Director reported continued challenges with the Softball program to include one team wearing steel spikes and mocking the umpire, teams swearing and the Barnstead teams' failure to comply with the requested paperwork and payment of registration fees by stated deadlines. The Director stated she has considered options for the program and wanted to bring these matters to the attention of the Commission.

The Director stated she spoke with the Alton Youth League President, Rodney Stockman, about some of the program challenges and he suggested forming a Board of Director's which is a group consisting of a representative from each team and the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Department would organize the program: set game schedule, get fields, hire umpires, etc. and the Board would police themselves in regard to participant's behavior and League Rules. Mr. Stockman advised that individuals that are reoccurring problems be contacted by a letter stating they are removed from the League.

The Commission discussed consequences for teams not following rules and not adhering to stated requirements for paying registration fees and submitting necessary waiver forms. The Commission noted the umpires should be provided with a rule book and to make sure all coaches and umpires know that steel spikes are prohibited and players will be ejected from the game and then from the league with a second offense. The Commission stated umpires should report incidents/game ejections to the Director.

The Commission discussed a Mercy Rule. No decision was made. The Commission noted the suggested rule should be addressed at the end of the season coaches meeting.

The Commission discussed two teams not submitting the Alton Parks and Recreation Waiver Forms, Player's Contracts, Photo Id's, and registration fees in full. The Commission noted there has been a gross abuse of every standard and that the deadlines have been established out of necessity and the two teams are not in compliance. The Commission questioned why the registration forms and payment were not in and discussed limiting games as the consequence to not following the Departmental policy. K. Troendle reported six player's forms were not received at all and the forms that were received on July 7 were Barnstead Parks and Recreation Department forms. The program is an Alton Parks and Recreation Program and Alton is not indemnified or listed in any way on the Barnstead form. The Town of Wolfeboro had their players use and sign the Alton form and all of their players signed the contract and provided id's.

S. Renner made a motion that a letter be sent to the Barnstead Parks and Recreation Department, Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen stating they have until July 25, 2011 to pay the bill for both Barnstead teams or they are not eligible to participate as a Parks and Recreation program in 2012; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed. 3-1. S. Renner made a motion that no one from Barnstead takes the field due to liability until the waiver form is signed and id's are checked. Motion was seconded by G. Theodora and passed, all in favor.

G. Theodora made a motion that B1 and B2 each forfeit a game on August 3 due to lack of compliance with the League established rules and regulations and the infractions over the course of the season. Motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed. 3-1.

The Commission discussed moving the registration deadline up one month to avoid some of the uncertainty with the number of teams when planning the game schedule.

The Commission discussed sending a reminder email to coaches with a copy to the umpires in regard to being respectful, no foul language, no steel spikes and to include the Coaches Contract to be signed by all coaches. The Commission also noted that only rostered players are recognized as players in the program and if players are not registered and on an official roster they are not participants.

The Commission discussed an over 30 year old league.

New Business

5K Race- August 13 in Alton Bay. Volunteers are needed.

B&M Railroad Park- The Commission discussed the purchase of two new park benches at the park and approved the Central Park Recycled Plastic Outdoor Bench, the same one as at PMHS, for \$435 each plus shipping. C. Burke noted that the B&M Railroad Park was awarded the "Best Little Park" in the State of NH in NH Magazine.

Adjournment

G. Theodora made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional
Parks and Recreation Director