

Milford Recreation Commission
March 13th, 2013

Attendees:

Walter Smith
Rick Mossey

Claudia Lemaire
Heather Romeri

Nicole Banks
Tim Finan

Scott Hembrow
Liz Snell

Election of Officers:

Joan makes a motion to elect Walter for chairman, Joan seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Joan makes a motion for Rick to be vice chair, Walter seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Walter makes a motion for Claudia to remain secretary, Rick seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Minutes:

Rick makes a motion to accept the February minutes as amended, Liz seconds, a unanimous vote was made.

Appointments:

Liz Craighead- She is a Milford DPW employee. She has come to the meeting to speak on behalf of DPW and talk of the resources and budget they have to work and maintain fields and field quality. MCAA and the recreation commission have been working together to come up with a mutual agreement to keep field fees low for MCAA while still being able to keep the fields in good usable shape without charging fees. Walter Smith and past MCAA president Kevin Federico have met with budgets from the Town of Milford and MCAA to see where MCAA can help and what fields need the most work. MCAA, DPW, and the Recreation Commission will need to meet seasonally to discuss what "in kind" service is needed to keep the fields in great shape and keep the costs low for MCAA field usage.

Liz states that the infields have been an ongoing battle for DPW. MCAA has a larger knowledge, equipment, and more resources to access materials to maintain the infields. MCAA can get donations and large quantity purchase discounts and can share this with the town.

Scheduling has become problematic with the town due to "block booking". The town requests that the sports directors only book the fields when they will be using them. Dan Ayotte, MCAA soccer director, states that the field booking is for practice purposes only and that games are played on the weekends at either MCAA fields or the high school. The fields, according to Dan, are always being played on from Mon-Thurs. for practices.

Matt Landel- Member of the community and soccer coach for MCAA was wondering if Nicole had the data for how many field requests are asked for during the spring/summer and how many are turned down due to lack of space. Nicole does not have specific data but reported that MCAA has been amicable with giving back field space to other groups when it was possible.

Joan Dargie- Joan makes a comment regarding the contract we will be having with MCAA. She does not think we need a written contract, Tim Finan agrees. Yet, she feels that MCAA must be available to do what is needed when asked for “in kind” service.

Tim Finan- (selectman) The discussion has been made that MCAA does and should get treated differently because they directly supply the youth sports for the youth of the town. The commission would like to see more documentation as to what is being done with “in kind” service. This would help in the future to better justify the whole field fee waiver.

Joan makes a motion to waive the non-waivable 20 % fee for MCAA for 2013, Walter seconds, four members for and three against.

Jerry Guthrie- He is the landscape architect in charge of putting in a new pergola at Keyes field. He has come to the meeting looking for an update on the permits submitted by the town to see if he can move forward with the project. The permit needs to be signed off by a structural engineer due to the size of certain beams. Jerry is going to revise the size of the beams so the permit can be approved and will not need an engineer to sign-off. The next phase will be fundraising for the materials. The initial start-up will be \$1300 for lumber, materials, etc....

Joan will make a motion to lend from the revolving fund \$1300 to have the project move forward, Heather seconds, a unanimous vote was made.

Walter makes a motion for Walter and Nicole to have spending authority from the revolving fund, a unanimous vote was made.

There will be Irish pot luck on Wednesday, March 20th.

Easter Egg Hunt outline is reviewed and volunteers are finalized.

Joan and Liz have officially re-joined the commission. Rick and Tim Finan have joined as alternates, congratulations.

A \$50 prize gift certificate will be donated by the commission to be given out at the 2013 Southern NH expo. There are several time slots needed for volunteer representation. The ice rink will be taken-down on that day so many rec members will not be available.

Rick makes a motion to get three gift certificates for \$25 to our volunteers of the ice-rink, Walter seconds, and a unanimous vote was made.

Kid’s carnival will be June 22nd from 10-1 at Keyes Field.

Walter makes a motion to adjourn at 9:00PM, Claudia seconds, a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by

Claudia Lemaire