

Columbia Recreation Commission Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2014, 7:00 PM

Conference Room

Present: Ann Dunnack (Chair), Melissa Petrone, Sebby Randazzo, Cindy Postemsky, Nikki Keldsen.

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved from January 14, 2013, meeting 4-0-0.
3. **Audience of Citizens:** Kathy Rowe attended meeting and asked CRC to consider reducing the cost of guest passes. Ms. Rowe stated that if a town resident has their grandchildren staying with them for an extended period of time during the summer, it could cost up to \$15 a day to bring them to the beach. She suggested a "punch pass" that a resident could purchase at a reasonable price that would allow the resident to bring a guest to the beach and the pass would be "punched" for each guest. Discussion ensues amongst CRC members and Ms. Rowe about other options and possible barriers to selling guest passes.
4. **Old Business**
 1. **Recreation Director Hours:** Ann and Melissa attended BOS meeting in December and presented proposal to increase Recreation Director hours. Recreation Director hours will not be increased for the upcoming fiscal year.
 2. **CT Forest and Park Trails Day – June 7, 2014:** Szedga Farms will host a farmers market on June 7. Nikki and Steve volunteered to grill/sell hot dogs and hamburgers that day. Sebby also offered to help that day.
 3. **Basketball:** Regular season ends this weekend and then the tournaments start. Sebby commended the Hebron Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach. Boys 9/10th grade team played in Hebron a few weeks ago and he stated the coach was great. Maria Gratton and Jeanette Morlaes continue to organize the basketball banquet that will take place at the end of March. Jonathan approved the addition of a special line item in the budget for banquet proceeds, this will allow for seed money for future banquets.

4. **Other:** Sebby suggested the addition of cooking classes for town residents. He will contact several possible 'teachers' in town and work with Nikki to coordinate classes.

5. New Business

1. **Beach:** Discussed the implementation of a guest beach pass that residents could purchase. **Melissa motions that Columbia residents have the opportunity to purchase \$30 transferable beach guest passes. Guests must be accompanied by a Columbia resident who has a beach membership. In addition, transferable renter's passes increase from \$25 to \$30. Renters need not accompany a resident. Sebby seconds the motion. Motion passes 3-0-0.**

2. **Kayak Rentals:** Nikki met with Coventry Rec Director regarding the implementation of kayak rentals. Nikki will present a "at your own risk" waiver top the BOS.

6. **Recreation Director's Report:** Cupcake challenge went well. Over 75 people attended. The event was publicized in the Chronicle and on Facebook.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Melissa Petrone
Secretary

Received: February 14, 2014
At 8:03
Attest: Gavin M. Keneford
Town Clerk/Assistant Town Clerk