

Columbia Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting April 8, 2014

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were in attendance: Ann Dunnack, Cindy Postemsky, Millie Ramsey, and Sebby Randazzo. Also attending, Nikki Keldsen, Recreation Director, and Dave Vanderbuilt of LMAC.

The minutes of the 3/11/14 meeting were approved 4-0-0.

Recreation Director's Report: Nikki reported that basketball season was very successful. Everything ran smoothly, and the rental of the EastConn gym solved many of the problems experienced in prior years. The addition of an awards banquet, conducted by volunteers from the basketball program, added to the success of the program.

Nikki also reported that the lifeguards have been hired. New lifeguards will initially shadow the experienced lifeguards to orient to the aquatic facility.

Old Business:

CT Forest and Parks Trails Day: tabled

Cooking Classes: Registration is open for Rose Randazzo's class on April 23 at the Senior Center.

Dinner and Dip at the Beach: A Committee of volunteers has been recruited to organize. Free admission, but there will be a fee for the food. Open to Columbia residents, beach pass is unnecessary for this event. Music and games. Begins June 27.

Lifeguard Orientation will take place in a local pool in late May or early June. A Red Cross Water Safety Instructor class will be taught at the beach June 16 – 27.

The CRC purchased five kayaks, paddles, and life jackets to rent at the beach. \$10.00/2 hours, Columbia residents only. The kayaks may be used on Columbia Lake only, to prevent the introduction of invasive aquatic plant species to the Lake.

Several options for the storage of the kayaks were discussed. The consensus was to recommend stacking them on a rack, against the side of the boat house, under the overhanging roof. The rack should be enclosed with a locking door to prevent theft. Nikki will communicate the recommendation to Town Administration.

New Business: Dock Replacement

The Columbia Recreation Commission voted 4-0-0 to recommend the following safety measures be affected immediately at the Columbia Town Beach.

1. The rusted metal shards left behind when the concrete dock was demolished need to be removed immediately. A thorough cleanup is essential to protect patrons from injury.

2. Before Memorial Day Weekend a double Lemon Line with very large floats needs to be installed separating the boat launch area from the swim area.
3. As in the past, a single Lemon Line needs to delineate the outer edge of the swim area. This line should extend from the boat ramp to the wooden dock.
4. In addition to the above safety measures, we recommend an off-shore float, anchored within the swim area at a depth of at least 9 feet, be installed for the enjoyment of swimmers. It is possible that this off-shore float could be modular in nature and incorporated into the future dock system.

These are to be temporary measures for the 2014 summer. Further study will result in a permanent plan for the future.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Dunnack

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At 8:19 AM  
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