

Minutes of Columbia Recreation Commission Meeting 7/22/2014

Kayaks

Nikki reports 25 individual kayak rentals this season. We are still looking for a more permanent storage space and I am working on that with Jonathan.

Raft.

Nikki – Jonathan would like to limit the number of swimmers on the raft to 2-3 at a time. Ann would like to see the raft before we set something in stone.

Sebby thinks 2-3 is too few. 8-10 is better. Lifeguards can make the call and have their discretion. Guards can control the kids from getting on one side and horseplay.

Millie asked the question: Where will the guards be stationed? Ann – either on raft or rescue board.

Rescue board vs. raft

Sebby – concern is more about someone falling off the back side of the raft.

Ann – from a supervision standpoint it might be better to have them on the raft.

After further discussion, the recommendation is to post the guards on the raft.

Ann - Be careful of the tracking system – fingers can get caught.

Grill –

Sebby asked where we plan on storing the grill? He recommend the old firehouse so it won't rust out. It's a nice grill.

Dinner & a Dip #2

Millie – rec: hamburgers and dogs

Ann Marie Drury (presenter and D&D committee member) said she would like to keep it simple.

Maybe Sept. 5 or 6

Amy Crim (PTO President and presenter) would like to show the PTO movie at the beach instead of Rec. Park on August 23rd, and grill hamburgers and dogs. Or show at rec. park and grill. People would love to stay and watch the movie.

Sebby recommends that if Rec. can secure lifeguards for the 23rd, then have at the beach. It will bring a bigger crowd. If not, then at rec. park.

Millie – can't people park on Lake Rd.?

Nikki - Yes, outside of the posted signs.

Ann – If we can get lifeguards and someone to grill. And, that the grill is working...then have it at the beach. If not, Rec. Park.

A member asked: If it's raining, then what? All agreed that it would just be cancelled.

Ann Marie Drury presented her ideas for art classes in Columbia. She also showed some of her art work. Ann Marie's descriptions:

Open Studio -

- peer critiques
- bring works in progress
- minimal supplies provided
- come to work, start something new, learn new skills

Whether you are an experienced artist or just beginning to learn your skills, come to an open studio! This will be a place to work on existing projects, or begin new ones amongst other artists. Get peer critiques or learn new skills. The class will be monitored and instruction will be provided as needed. Come draw with us! Bring your latest painting or simply a sketch book. Minimal supplies will be provided.

Still Life Drawing Series

- 4 week series
- start with sketching - finish with full drawing
- supplies provided
- all ages, all levels
- learn basics of drawing/freshen up on skills

Work with still life set ups to learn basic drawing techniques and gain an understanding of composition, form, line, and perspective. This is a great opportunity to learn the basics or brush up on your skills.

Millie and Ann think the Senior Center would be a good idea. Yeomans Hall is also good.

Cost structure – open studio - \$10-15 drop in. Ann Marie will bring in some materials for participants to try something new, but everyone would be expected to bring their own supplies.

Ann – this is so important b/c the CRC is charged with providing rec. for everyone. even those who don't play sports.

Ann Marie agreed – there's nothing! I looked for it too.

Amy – there's a NJHS at school. Kat McDonald may be interested in getting involved and even letting you use her space.

Nikki – I humbly ask that you all support this new set of classes for Columbia.

Ann – to Ann Marie – how much do you need? What would you like to get?

Ann Marie - \$50 per night for an hour for the open studio.

Ann -We should run 6 and commit to \$300 to Ann Marie.

Sebby – what if we have 25 people – that's not enough for Ann Marie.

Ann Marie – 25 is a lot. We could separate it by experience and age. I'm ok with open studio as a flat fee with a max of 15. If we have a lot of people then I could bring in someone else. The minimum age: must be able to draw independently. A description could read something like: "Guidance from artist will be given individually throughout the class. Min. supplies – please bring your art supplies." Ann Marie and Nikki will work on this once dates are set.

Sebby – we could invest the \$300 and anyone can come for free.

Ann Marie - The Still Life class would be a 4 week series.

Sebby makes a motion to accept Ann Marie's proposal for two series of art classes – open studio, 6 classes at \$50 per class – free for students and a still life drawing series – 4 classes, price TBD. Starting date – Fall 2014, details to follow.

Millie seconds. All in favor – all.

Manchester CC - \$25 per class and then a mats. List will be sent to the students. Min/Max:

Sebby – no fee will be given to Rec., all agree.

PTO presentation by Amy Crim.

Ann – we would love to join with you on anything!

Nikki will meet with PTO to coordinate calendars so we can have more events together and bring out more of the community.

Sebby – if we combine 2 small events at the same time it is better and the turn-out will be bigger. At the Mini-Mudder next year – Rec. can grill.

TGP

Nikki – there were 67 TGP's sold, 870 beach passes. TGP program was successful.

Ann – suggests that we continue the program since it did so well and did not bring in many outlanders.

Bball – no preseason but postseason, yes.

Ann suggested that we recruit a volunteer to manage the equipment because the Rec. Dept. is having trouble getting all the equipment back at the end of the season.

Millie recommends taking a deposit from coaches this year.

Travel teams will pay up front for refs. up front and then they will be put on the schedule.

Events Calendar

Columbus day tournament, chili cook off, cupcakes, dinner and a dip

Ideas from the community for the new Rec. area:

Ann -- Louise Muzin – she would like a Boce court on the new piece of rec. land.

Millie – Tony Morasscini have a boce court on their property and would be a good resource. He told Millie happy to share info.

Ann – shuffleboard would be fun as well.

Nikki – email from Brian Giggey (Disc Golf) – would like to see him come down for a visit.

Ann - David Wollner from Willibrew, Disc Golf enthusiast would be more than happy to share his expertise.

Ann adjourns the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Nikki Keldsen

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