

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

February 3, 2011

Present: Sue Pollender, Howard Paul, Pat Rumrill, Joe Gurdak, Pam O'Neil, Marcia Dockum

Comments:

- A man from New Jersey called Howie to complain that a snowman was built in the middle of West Hill and his kids hit it while sledding. West Hill has not been maintained for the past three winters per the Town Manager. The gate is closed, no trespassing signs are up and it has not been plowed. The man was not pleased that his kids could not sled at this hill. Howie gave him the phone numbers of Frank Heald and the selectboard if he wanted to take the complaint further.

Approval of Minutes:

- Pam made a motion to approve the minutes of January. With a second from Joe, the minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Winter walking at the community center has started. Several people are going in during the day and walking laps around the gym. An average of 6 walkers per day.
- Pickup basketball numbers are decreasing in the 16 and over and 30+ leagues.
- Basketball for grades 3-6 will be ending next week. We are adding a picture day with individual photos and team pictures taken.
- Women's exercise club has 14 participants and is self-run. They workout to videotapes.
- Yoga is now in the cafeteria. Lamps have been bought to keep the lighting dim.
- Zumba continues to be popular. We are adding three more classes: Tuesdays at 5:30, Wednesdays at 6:30 and Sundays at 10:00.
- The fitness center has 30 active members. There was trouble with the elliptical machine which has been resolved. One more cardio piece of equipment would be nice to have in the fitness center.
- Several outside activities have been hosted at the community center: a poker tournament to benefit the Pasco Valente Scholarship, the SAFE committee meeting, and there was a birthday party for a younger community member. A pancake breakfast is scheduled later this month.
- Received \$4,000 for punch cards and the treadmill which was bought through the Path To Wellness Program at the high school.

Old Business:

- Floor Machine: It takes Eugene 1.5 hours to mop the floor and it takes over 2 hours for it to dry. Frank watched the process and he agreed that we need a machine and he will take care of it. Having this machine will cut down on the time and the amount of water that stays on the floor.
- Dog Park: Howie will write up an application for the Enterprise Fund. The Enterprise Fund has exhausted last year's funds and after the ski season we will know what is left.

More money comes in July but other people are asking at that time. Some donations have come in to help fund this park.

- Resident vs. nonresident fees: Wanted to invite selectboard members. Doug Ficken asked that we send a letter to all the members for the next meeting. We want to make sure that we and the selectboard are on the same page with fees and rates. Howie will get the letter to the members.
- Howie's time: What happens when he has to do field – does the center close because there is no coverage in the building? The need to hire someone for evenings is great. Possibly from 2-10. Some people have applied. Someone has to decide about fields. We need to start working on this now if the maintaining and lining of the fields are going to be transferred back to the Athletic Director and school. Currently it is in the job description of the Athletic Director to be responsible for maintaining and lining fields. Howie will talk this over with Frank. It might be a good time to bring it up at the building committee meeting which includes Howie, the athletic director, Frank Heald and the superintendent. Howie to report back to the committee at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Set up hours to bring in a second person. Right now Howie is here until 6:00p.m. 7 days a week, averaging 70 hours per week. Howie will meet with Frank and email the committee after his meeting. We will decide after if further action is needed.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2011 5:00p.m. at the Community Center

Meeting Adjourned:

- Pat made a motion to adjourn at 6:00. With a second from Pam, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Rumrill, Secretary

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Susan Pollender

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Marcia Dockum

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Pamela O'Neil

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Joseph Gurdak