

Ludlow Recreation Committee

Minutes of

May 12, 2011

Present: Howard Paul, Pat Rumrill, Sue Pollender, Julie Ficken, Pam O'Neil, Joe Gurdak

Call to order: 5:00p.m. Just a note to remember to send Pam at the town office the agendas for the selectboard email lists.

Comments:

- It was noted that Howie needs more help.
- There were complaints that the concession stand at Little League was not open. Traditionally the stand does not open until opening day. All food has been ordered and will be delivered in time for opening day.
- There have been a number of complaints regarding the Little League. In the past the Little League had their own separate board with the Recreation Department as their advisory. Last year Phil Chimbolo acted as the commissioner, but has resigned his post for this year. One parent complained that the coach was not getting in touch with her child regarding practice. Howie explained to this parent that they had not filled out the paperwork or submitted payment so the coach did not know her child wanted to play. The Little League is too large for Howie to handle and he would like funds to pay for another commissioner for this year. The Recreation Committee agrees that a commissioner for Little League needs to be hired for \$1500. We would like that person to keep track of the hours worked and submit a report at the end of the season.
- Little League coaches have complained about umpires. It has always been the responsibility of the coaches to get their own umpires; they don't feel that it should be their responsibility. Maybe the commissioner can help with this.

Approval of Minutes:

- April minutes approved with the correction of one spelling error. Pat will correct and bring the revised copy to the June meeting. March minutes were approved.

Director's Report:

- Little League opening day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th with the Parade starting at 9:00a.m. Uniforms were ordered for 100 players who had registered. 20 more registrations came in late so more uniforms were ordered. No one signed up to coach some of the teams, and one coach quit after the first practice. Lance Lichtensteiger stepped up and is now coaching a team. An advertisement was issued six weeks before registration asking for coaches. A discussion ensued that if there is a lack of coaches should it be a first come first serve basis with the rest of the registrants being refunded their fees. Maybe we should look into giving a stipend for these coaches as is done with soccer and basketball which would mean raising the fees to help pay for the coaches.
- Yoga, Hip Hop and Jazz programs have very good numbers. Mallory is leaving at the end of this month.
- Yoga has added more classes. Lori Saccardo is on Monday AM, Tues/Thurs. PM and Danielle Delany has classes Mon/Wed PM. All money brought in by these classes goes back to the community center.
- Membership has dropped off due to nice weather which was to be expected.
- The afterschool program has ended.
- The summer brochure is done. It was reported to Howie that the fees were not finalized because the selectboard did not approve. It is written in the Recreation Department bi—laws that the Recreation

Department sets the fees not the selectboard. It was nice to have the selectboard at our last meeting and hope they will continue to attend.

- The end of May Howie has two people who will be going through the lifeguard course which will be completed before the start of summer camp.

Old Business:

- No email at the Community Center. Still working on that.
- The Federal Government is giving \$100,000 to one community. At this time no one from VT has submitted an application. Howie will get the application and Sue will help him with it.
- The coach from the Springfield Puma soccer team called to have the field lined. The Rugby Team is charged to line the field and Howie will talk to the soccer coach and charge for the lining of the field. It is estimated that it costs \$50 in paint each time to line the field not including the labor charges.

New Business:

- Reorganization: A motion was made to have the following people be officers for the year 2011-2012.
President: Susan Pollender
Vice President: Joseph Gurdak
Secretary: Pamela O'Neil
Motion was unanimously approved.
- Babe Ruth baseball is combining with Chester. Chester was given money by the sons of the American Legions. Both towns feel this is the last year we will need to merge. New uniforms will say Chester. Ludlow will pay the umpires and Chester will supply the uniforms, equipment and league fees. Registration fees will go to the respected towns. Field use will be split between Ludlow and Chester.

Next Meeting: June 23, 2011 5:00p.m. at the Community Center

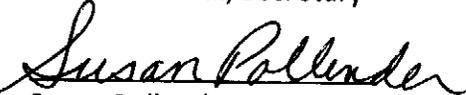
Meeting Adjourned:

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

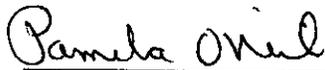
Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Rumrill, Secretary

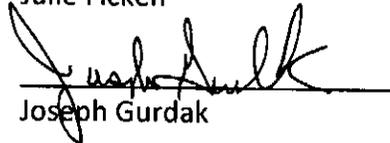


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