

# **Ludlow Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**

Ludlow Community Center – Recreation Office

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm. Members present: Sue Pollender, Patty Rumrill, Joe Gurdak, Pam O'Neil, Julie Barr and Recreation Director, Howard Paul.

## **Comments from Citizens:**

- There have been many positive comments about the gym floor being refinished as well as banners being hung up.
- Someone asked about the possibility of moving weight room because of space. Howie shared that there would be a cost in moving: rubberized floor, replacing tiles and new. No Action will be taken at this time.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of the November 12, 2013 meeting minutes. Patty motioned, seconded by Joe. Unanimously approved.

## **Director's Report:** (See attached report for more details)

- K-2 basketball going well. Hoops only go to 8.5 feet have some really small kids. 15 kids Howie is working with them. Players are extremely well behaved.
- There are 19 cheerleaders participating in the program. They half done half time shows for recreation teams. High school students have asked about having them cheer at some of their games. Vanessa has really worked hard with them. Howie is going to ask Pat if he would allow them to cheer at a game.
- Chris Kelly—3/4 girls are 4-0 in league: 11 participants, 6-2 overall. Girls are really working well.
- Michael Santamaria is the coach for the 5/6 boys basketball. Coach does a great job in getting everyone in the game and reinforced expectations and commitment of players. He is communicating very well with the families when circumstances arise for students having reduced playing time. They have had 2 exciting games winning by 2 and by 1 point respectively. Community Center is packed for games.
- Pick-up basketball held on Tuesday evening's participants range in age from 15 to 70 years old. The average is about 18 players. They play using 11 minutes running time.
- Volleyball run by Tony Valente is on Thursday nights. Attendance varies depending on what is going on at high school.
- Indoor soccer continues to have good attendance 11 to 24 participants running until early April. Some have raised the concern about having younger players and girls, however, Tony Valente feels that it is working itself out.
- Winter walking average about 8 people a day. Usually same people day to day with the Community center opening at 7am.

- Saturday Open Gym is very popular. Anybody can show up to do just about anything. There are families that meet there to participate in activities together.
- Sunday Open Gym: 10 – 2 pm with an average 40 participants each day.
- Fitness Center had a down month in December, but seems to be picking up. Howie feels that memberships will increase as spring approaches. There are members who use the weight room regularly. One woman has lost 45 pounds in 5 months and has been feeling better now than she never has been.

**Old Business:**

- No new business.
- School having issues with price of tractor sharing. Town bought and paid for tractor as well as providing maintenance, fuel, oil, tires, etc. School has spent very little money on tractor only with minor repairs. It does get a lot of use on the town level for fields, The school uses the tractor much more than

**New Business:**

- Matt Wood has been hired for the Recreation Supervisor position. Patty asked why Matt was not attending and providing services for basketball teams as they did for soccer. Howie shared that when approached to the school about basketball he was informed that no funds were available.
- The recreation department has been approached by the school board about taking the old bleachers if new bleachers are purchased for the high school. We could only use 3 maybe 4 sections. Howie will explore whether or not they will be able to work.

**Next meeting Date:**

Next meeting will be February 11, 2013 at 5 pm at the Community Center.

Motion to adjourn by Joe, seconded by Julie. Unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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Joseph Gurdak

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Patricia Rumrill

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Julie Barr

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Pamela O'Neil

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pamela O'Neil, Secretary