

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Office
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06384

January 28, 2010 Minutes

Members present: Ron Rasi, Ginny Hogan, Diane Harrington, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby,
April Dipollina, Dan Steward

Others present: Charlie and Rose Smith

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:40
2. Citizens' Comments: Rose & Charlie Smith introduced themselves. They have enjoyed the camp for many years. When they come to enjoy the camp, a chore is always done!
3. No minutes were available for last meeting.
4. Additions to the agenda: None
5. Correspondence: None
6. Old Business
 - a. Camp Report:
50 Cabin users and 85 social events participants
2010 reservations: 132 Cabins, 21 Large group picnics, 27 Tent sites
A transformer blew so electricity is not working in the dining room or lodge. It is in the process of being fixed but Oak Hill's Winter Camp had to be cancelled.
 - b. The Arc had an emergency respite placed for about a month in the infirmary.
 - c. The gate is getting a new keypad. It is not working well now & the codes will be reprogrammed.
7. Equestrian Program:
 - a. Oak Hill has been in touch with Tonya and is working on a riding program for the summer.
 - b. User/volunteer statistics have been provided by the Equestrian Program.
8. The Family Support Council will be recognizing the Arc for its efforts with the day camp this summer at its annual Legislative breakfast on March 3rd at 8:30 am in the Legislative Office Building Atrium. All members of the Committee are welcome to attend.
9. Summer Staffing was discussed- The Committee is concerned about the potential impact of the State Budget deficit on staffing for Summer Camp.
10. June 5th Event: Cycle for a Cause was discussed-
The Camp Harkness Fund will have an Open House on this date
(Hoping Arc will too)
11. FYI- On May 30th the Bombfest benefit concert event is scheduled to take place at Eugene O'Neill & Waterford beach. They are hoping to attract 5,000- Camp Harkness has been asked to help with parking. This is a "battle of the bands" kind of event & the music is for the "youth".

12. Election of Officers: Motion made by Ron Rasi, nominating Stan Soby as Chair, April Dipollina as Vice Chair, and Diane Harrington as co- Secretary for the coming year. Seconded by Ginny Hogan. All in favor. Motion carried. A co-Secretary position remains open.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.