

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
February 23, 2012
Minutes

Present: Diane Harrington, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby, Ginny Hogan, April Dipollina, Bev Jackson, Ron Rasi

Others Present: Neil Cobleigh, Scott Wolfe, Charle & RoseAnna Smith, Kristin Anbari, Ernie Smith, Marian Brown

Called to Order: at 10:50 when a quorum was present. Please remember to be prompt, as some members have a limited timeframe to attend the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Charle pointed out a few grammar & spelling mistakes.

April motioned to accept the minutes with corrections, Bev seconded. All in favor.

Armand Legault ~ passed away & will be deeply missed.

A celebration of Armand's life will be held at Camp Harkness, June 9th, 11:00 am – 7 pm.

For more information: www.Giveforward.com/inmemoryofarmandlegault

Citizens Comments & Presentations:

Kristin Anbari is the Southeastern Connecticut Volunteer Chair representing Autism Speaks. Kristin has asked the CHAC to consider a Walk Now for Autism Speaks event. It would be held the second or third week of October. Kristin had material & was very prepared with information regarding a walk.

The calendar will be reviewed and we will try & fit this walk in to our schedule. The CHAC asked Kristen to be in contact with Vicki to formalize plans and will act on this request at the March meeting.

Maintenance:

Ernie reviewed on-going projects. The gate on the utility road has been repaired. The footbridge leading to Waterford beach was repaired. Purchase orders for materials for the #5 Brown cabin were in process.

Ernie mentioned work that was done fixing the fence around the barn & other repairs done in the barn area. The crew spent three days and \$325 in materials doing repairs.

Camp Harkness Fund:

The Camp Harkness Fund as been working hard.

The fund has identified the need to revise the Memorial & Donation Policy and is working on a 1 year goal. It will be working on a long term & short term goals for donations & camp improvements.

They hope to make the pavilion more accessible among many other projects.

The Fund will be working on a new Logo.

Booster Club Agreement:

The camp did receive some paperwork from the Booster Club that had some documentation of some participation & also some volunteer hours. The paperwork was missing many months & was not easy to understand. DDS does not have a current insurance binder on file. The Booster Club seems to be not meeting the User Agreement signed by them. This agreement expires April 30, 2012. The CHAC will act on a recommendation to Commissioner Macy at the March meeting.

Appointments/Re-appointments: are now being accepted for action by the Governor's office.

Camp Nurse Position:

The new position discussed to share the camp nurse with some local group homes seems to be on hold pending submission of some additional information by DSS.

Camp Benches:

Bev asked the Committee if 2 benches could be dedicated to 2 active camp members that have passed away recently.

The bench conditions & position of the benches will be reviewed.

Camp Usage: Copies were handed out & reviewed by Vicki.

Summer Employees: Vicki has submitted requests for summer employment.

Adjournment: 12:05 pm.

Next Meeting: March 23 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Harrington, Secretary