

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
March 22, 2012
Minutes

Present: Diane Harrington, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby, Ginny Hogan, April Dipollina, Bev Jackson, Ron Rasi, Dan Stewart, Scott Wolfe, Shannon O'Brien

Others Present: Neil Cobleigh, Charle & RoseAnna Smith, Ernie Smith, Marian Brown

Called to Order: at 10:40

Approval of Minutes: Diane motioned to accept the minutes. Ron seconded. All in favor.

Citizens Comments & Presentations: 0

Maintenance:

Ernie reviewed on-going projects. Spring clean-up has started.

Camp Benches:

Donation policy is to be reviewed and revised. Coordination with master site plan will be necessary.

Camp Harkness Fund:

The new logo has been approved by the members. The group is setting up a subcommittee to work on the Memorial Donation Policy. A Camp Master Plan for donation is needed. They will seek 3 bids for this project. The website will be updated. Mary is working on writing some grants to fundraise. The group plans to work on the Pavilion area to improve the handicapped accessibility.

Walk Now for Autism speaks event:

The Committee unanimously approved this event scheduled for the morning of October 20, 2012.

Booster Club Agreement:

The User Agreement with the Booster Club will end on March 31, 2012.

The Camp Advisory Committee has many concerns.

Our Committee Members were given 3 options.

Option 1:

The Camp Harkness Advisory Committee recommends to the Commissioner that the User Agreement between DDS and the Camp Harkness Booster Club not be renewed because of substantial non-conformance with the performance standards agreed to by the Booster Club in the Agreement.

Option 2:

The Camp Harkness Advisory Committee recommends to the Commissioner that the User Agreement between DDS and the Camp Harkness Booster Club be renewed for a six (6) month period because of substantial non-conformance with the performance standards agreed to by the Booster Club in the Agreement. The Committee recommends that the User Agreement only be renewed thereafter based on demonstrated conformance with the performance standards during that six month time period.

Option 3:

The Camp Harkness Advisory Committee recommends to the Commissioner that the User Agreement between DDS and the Camp Harkness Booster Club be renewed. While the Booster Club has not met the performance standards agreed to in the Agreement and no longer provides a service to the Camp programs, it does provide riding opportunities for community members with disabilities.

After significant discussion, the Committee agreed unanimously to Option 1. We will formally recommend to the Commissioner that the User Agreement not be renewed because of substantial non-conformance with the performance standards agreed to by the Booster Club in the Agreement. This decision was difficult but necessary.

We ended our Meeting with a Retirement Celebration for Scott Wolfe.
Scott has helped in the growth & success of Camp Harkness.
He will be truly missed.

The Meeting Adjourned at 12:00

Next Meeting: April 26 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by:

Diane Harrington, Secretary