

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
May 24, 2012
Minutes

Camp Office
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Members present: Ron Rasi, April Dipollina, Joyce Baker, Bev Jackson, Ginny Hogan, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby

Others present: Carin Mancini, Ernie Smith, Neil Cobleigh, Charle Smith, Kristen Anbari

1. Meeting called to order at 10:40 am. The Committee welcomes Carin Mancini, an Camp hand from way back, in her new role as Director of Public Programs for the South Region.
2. Public Comments: Kristen Anbari provided an update about and materials for the Southeastern Connecticut Walk Now for Autism Speaks schedule for October 20th at Camp.
3. Additions to Agenda: None.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve made by April, seconded by Ginny. All in favor.
5. Correspondence: See item 7b.
6. Camp Harkness Fund report:
Charle reported \$136 in the fund before the \$10 bank fee that should not have been assessed. CHF members had met the day before and discussed plans for the Open House in detail . There will be a DJ, clown and souvenirs available for purchase. Refreshments will be available on a free will donation basis. The garden will be marked off and a rendering will be available. The fundraiser with Papa Gino's has fallen through with the closing of the restaurant. CHF is looking at other options. Mary is looking at grant opportunities for in the fall.
7. Old Business
 - a. Camp Report
 - i. Camp Programs/Usage/Events: There have been school groups visiting for picnics almost every day. The report needed a revision and will be held to include the Memorial Day weekend statistics. Vicki noted there are five fundraising event scheduled for October.
 - ii. Physical Plant: Ernie reported the automatic door opener has been installed in the family bathroom. He hopes to have Brown #5 completed within the next two weeks, but definitely buy the opening of camp season. The most recent storm wrecked the beach and

installation of the Superdeck has been delayed until the damage has been mitigated. A new Weber gas grille has been purchased to replace the existing one at the Grace Curtis pavilion. The one that was selected will fit the space and can be removed by maintenance staff as needed to help prevent vandalism. Repair parts will be easier to obtain when necessary. Stan reported new train cars are being assembled and will be delivered before the Open House. Ginny prompted a discussion about the need for signage on Dimmock Rd. directing people to Camp. Joyce asked about the possibility of having electrical outlets at each beach campsite for charging. Ernie will look into the options/costs for doing that.

iii. Camp Directors meeting information:

Anna from CW was at Camp to conduct interviews. She indicated the menu has been adjusted to provide more healthy options as requested.

iv. Summer Staff/Camp Nurse:

All summer positions started Friday except the Nurse. Because of lack of applicants, the structure of the position is being reviewed.

v. Open House:

June 3rd from 1 – 4. The program will begin at 1:30. The DJ will play from 2 – 4. The MG show is at Harkness Park that day. All the show cars will have entered through camp in the morning, but there may be a few lost car buffs coming through Camp during the Open House.

b. Booster Club Agreement status:

A letter was sent from DDS to the Booster Club requesting a commitment to meet the terms of the now-expired user agreement by the end of May in order to renew the agreement. No one from the Booster Club picked up the letter, so Thomas and staff will try other options for delivering the letter.

c. Donation Policy:

April is to contact Karen about getting together to revise the CHAC policy. Charle has drafted a policy for the CHF.

d. Appointments/Reappointments:

No news. Stan is to contact Rod O'Connor at DDS.

e. Website: Nothing new.

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 28, 2012 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Soby, Chair