

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
June 27, 2019
Minutes

Present: Stan Soby, Shannon Aiello, April Dipollina, Betsie Danforth, Vicki Severin, MaryAnn Langdon, Bev Jackson

Others Present: , John Massicotte, Todd Perkins, Luz Taylor, Jackie Staller

1. **Call to Order:** 10:34 AM

2. **Public Comment:** None

3. **Additions to Agenda:** None

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

June minutes were amended to refer to middle age participants (13-21) as middle school age. MaryAnn motioned to accept the amended minutes. April seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

5. **Correspondence:**

MaryAnn discussed her email to Stan regarding the passing of Theresa Neadeau. Theresa was a long-time camper who for many years gave training on service dogs. Suggestions included putting a picture of Theresa on the website and laying a brick with a dog paw print on it in remembrance.

6. **Camp Harkness Foundation:**

A. Play Group

- April reported that the Play Group met for the beginning of summer sessions (Wednesdays, 1PM-2:30PM)
- Music therapist was present
- The session was attended by 4 children

B. Activities

- Summer Fest planning is up and rolling
- Staff is very busy preparing for July 27th activities including music, crafts, food and zucchini races
- Article on event will be in various Shoreline Times weekly news papers
- April shared that they will possibly have trial zucchini races at the Play Group on July 24th
- They will practice making cars with the kids to problem solve and develop ideas

C. Fundraising

- Camp Harkness Night at Scoops and Sprinkles in Rocky Hill
- Members from Train Groups are coordinating for possible November 9th show

7. **Old Business**

A. Camp Report

i. Physical Plant:

- John reported
- Sun Shelter is complete
- Tree work is complete

- Electrical work needs to be complete before addressing uneven pavement issue at Brown Cabins
- Addressing water issue at intersection
- Maintenance staff is constantly responding to day to day issues with Camp's opening
- Board walks are installed – will map location of parts for future assembly

ii. Camp Usage/Events:

- Vicki gave May report (see attached)
- MaryAnn mentioned that staff at the Gate were not stopping all vehicles
- Vicki will discuss the issue with the staff and will state it is important to maintain a count of those using the Camp

iii. Camp Staffing:

- 29 positions; lots of staff coming in
- 2 life guard positions open

iv. Youth Camp:

- No update

v. Other:

- Animals are at barn (chickens, ducks, guinea pigs, goats, lamb) - Vet students supervising visits
- WiFi issues – Vicki has meeting today to try to resolve problems

B. DDS Updates

- John reported there was a delay in scheduled opening of Respite Center

C. Advocacy Update

- Continue to contact Legislators
- No update on Governor Lamont's visit

8. New Business:

- Vicki reported on a possible donation of a vintage fire truck
- She will contact individual to possibly come to a meeting to discuss
- Betsie will make contact regarding sails; she will email Todd to set up meeting to look at them

10. Adjournment: 11:55 AM

Next Meeting: July 25, 2019 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary