

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
March 28, 2019
Minutes**

Present: Stan Soby, Shannon Aiello, Bev Jackson, Vicki Severin, Betsie Danforth, Ron Rasi

Others Present: Dan Steward, Jackie Staller, John Massicotte, Cres Secchiaroli, Todd Perkins

1. Call to Order: 10:46 AM

2. Public Comments: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Approval of Minutes:

Ron motioned to accept February 28, 2019 minutes. Betsie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Camp Harkness Foundation:

A. Updates

- Vicki reported music therapist at last Play Group meeting was very successful
- Discussion of a possible Train Show or a fund raiser
- Ron asked about the balance for the Foundation Fund; Vicki was unsure of the amount and said she would check with Scott

7. Old Business

A. Camp Report

i. Physical Plant

- John reported that a new employee has been hired – Dan Marian, a general trades worker
- Dan will start immediately and will be on staff for weekends
- Doors are done on six Cabins and Doncas Lodge
- Overhand on office complete
- Awaiting materials to replace four roofs
- Bids (1) higher than expected for shelter; will open the process again
- Paving area near Brown Cabins has tree roots which distorts pavement of walkway and creates a hazard – Several solutions were discussed but the issue needs to be addressed
- Working on Bath House, replacing some plumbing
- Commercial Cleaners will clean kitchen on March 28, 2019
- Clearing all water lines
- Sun Shelter (1) needs to be rebuilt – awaiting approval
- Need to replace floors in Infirmary and several Cabins – awaiting approval of materials and will use some left-over materials to get by for the season
- Cres recommended tree trimming occur before the start of Camp; many broken and brittle branches are around camp
- Betsie spoke to using old sails to structure some sort of Sun Shelter
- Discussion as to how to make the idea feasible – many approaches were suggested, and exploration of options will continue

ii. Camp Usage/ Events

- Vicki gave February report
- Chinese New Year Party was a success
- Lots of reservations
- Clean Up Day will be April 27, 2019
- Contact at Casinos will get in touch with Vicki in April to set up a time
- MS Walk will be April 28, 2019
- Staffing for summer in progress
- Oakhill will do Youth Camp

iii. Other Camp

- Betsie reported that Shirley Lyn from Oak Hill has developed two programs:
 1. An overnight program for 30 individuals, ages 10-18
 2. A day camp for 8 individuals, ages 10-18
- Planning an Open House to let people know about the programs – will send out dates

B. DDS Updates:

- Stan reported he spoke with Paul Formica and other legislators to express thanks for continued support
- Cres reported things are relatively quiet due to current legislative session
- Marty Donovan to retire; Cres will continue to attend meetings and work towards replacing her position
- End of fiscal year, awaiting where Budget will take us
- Stan working with trying to align licensing methods and reporting standards among agencies; DDS is very supported

C. Advocacy

i. Possible Visit by Governor Lamont

- Stan working with the Commissioner's staff on a visit while Camp is in session

ii. Advocacy Issues Updates

- Bev continues to advocate concerning the plastic straw issue
- Bev attended a Civil Rights Forum which included public testimony
- She stated that the ongoing conversation is a good thing

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment: 11:44 am

Next Meeting: April 25, 2019 at Harkness Hall

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary