

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9609464276>**  
**Meeting ID: 9609464276**  
**One Tap Mobile +19294362866,,96094664276#US(New York)**  
**September 24, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dieberger, Betsy Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon, Bev Jackson, April Dipollina

**Others Present:** John Massicotte, Patricia West

**1. Call to Order:** 10:39 AM

**2. Public Comment:** None

**3. Additions to Agenda:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

Bev moved to approve the minutes for the August meeting. Betsy seconded the motion. All were in favor the they were approved. Minutes for July meeting were tabled. Shannon will resend these minutes to Stan for review and redistribution to CHAC members.

**5. Correspondence:** Vicki has been communicating with individual regarding a proposal from a veteran's group. They would like to do a 3 mile walk in November to raise money for Veteran's with Disabilities.

**6. Camp Harkness Foundation:**

**A. Play Group**

- April reported that the summer sessions are finished
- Received great feedback
- Vicki assisted with adapting the activities
- Sunday sessions will start once a month from 10-11:30 – the format will be outside
- Activities include Music Therapy, nature walks, and scavenger hunts
- They are trying to add more sessions
- Program activities have been very creative to stay consistent with Covid restrictions
- It has been hard to build in support piece and talk to parents without children; families must remain in pods
- April continues to work on options
- A big challenge will be when the group can go inside when weather will limit outside activities
- Patricia responded that another plan should be presented to DDS for approval – give guidelines as to space, number of people, in and out access
- Vicki suggested that we review Covid guidelines for group activities

**B. Sun Shelter**

- Vicki reported that materials have been ordered
- John spoke with contractor – the kit is scheduled to be delivered the last week of October
- Possible completion at the end of November
- Continued discussion of moving existing shelter – several locations have been suggested

### **C. Fund Raising**

- Marian is generating a letter and picture of shelter for Heather to post on-line
- Heather requested an EIN letter
- Heather suggested that a logo of “Your Change Can Change Lives”

## **7. Old Business**

### **A. Camp Report**

#### **i. Physical Plant:**

- John reported staff is maintaining everything and plans are underway for winterization
- DEEP did phragmites control at waterfront
- Pillar at gate was hit and repaired

#### **ii. Camp Usage/Events:**

- Vicki gave August report (see attached)
- Closed for 4 days due to clean up after storm
- 2048 visitors/ 1211 turnarounds
- 144 tent campers
- 10 volunteers

### **B. Reopening Plan Updates:**

- 2 Fall events have been approved:
- Motorcycle Gift Run and Jack O’Keefe Strides Race

### **C. DDS Updates:**

- Patricia reported that they are working on Day Program returns
- The Commissioner sent a survey regarding teleworking to workers

### **D. Advocacy**

- Stan emphasized to please vote on November 3<sup>rd</sup> election day
- MaryAnn shared that people with disabilities can print a ballot from on-line and submit a physical copy
- Stan stated that a list of identified candidates is available for contact and was provided by the Alliance

## **8. New Business: None**

## **9. Adjournment: 11:40AM**

**Next Meeting:** October 21, 2020 - TBD

**Respectfully submitted by:** Shannon Aiello, Secretary