

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**301 Great Neck Road**  
**Waterford, CT 06385-3825**  
**July 22, 2021**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Stan Soby, Shannon Aiello, Betsy Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon, Bev Jackson, Heather Dierberger, Elisa Marcoux

**Others Present:** Jackie Staller

**1. Call to Order:** 10:43 AM

**2. Public Comment:** None

**3. Additions to Agenda:** None

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

MaryAnn motioned to approve minutes. Betsy seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Camp Harkness Foundation:**

**A. Updates**

- No report

**B. Play Group**

- Transition of new coordinators continues
- No activities planned

**C. Fundraising**

- On hold
- Several members have suggested charging a fee to groups who use the facilities at Camp Harkness
- Further discussion is needed

**7. Old Business:**

**A. Camp Report**

**i. Physical Plant:**

- No report
- Jackie reported that John is installing a video system in the office to the booth
- Will give ability to open gate from office

**ii. Camp Usage/Events:**

- Elisa gave June report (see attached)
- 3572 Day visitors
- 1153 turn arounds
- 20 volunteers
- Tent campers opened June 18<sup>th</sup>: 14 families; 63 people
- Special events:
  - Special Olympics Cycling Practice: 28 people
  - Oak Hill Celebration of Life: 180 people
- Meeting with Motorcycle Run organizers will be August 3rd

**iii. Sun Shelter Sails:**

- No report

**B. DDS Updates:**

- No report
- Stan reported focus on future vision of programs

**C. Advocacy**

- Governor's visit was successful
- Elisa suggested sending a thank you note to his office
- Stan reported Federal level proposal to provide intra-structure budget for human services of \$400 million
- Efforts have been to decrease the budget to \$50 million
- Many networks are sending advocacy efforts to push legislators
- Stan will send a link to everyone to send to their respective legislator

**D. Advisory Committee**

- Meeting date change – no decision yet

**8. New Business**

**A. August Meeting Cancellation**

- Everyone indicated that a quorum would be possible for August meeting
- Meeting was not cancelled

**9. Adjournment:** 12:01 PM

**Next Meeting:** August 26, 2021 - TBD at Camp Harkness

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