

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Office
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385
October 29, 2009
Minutes

Members present: Ron Rasi, April Dipollina, Ginny Hogan, Joyce Baker, Bev Jackson, Diane Harrington, Vicki Severin, Rose Anna L. Smith, Charlie J. Smith and Rose Baranowski

Others present: Mary McKay, Nancy Lasalle

Meeting called to order at 10:40 am.

1. Citizens' Comments: Rose asked about the reservation policy. Vicki said that reservations cannot be made until Jan. 1st. and sometimes the voice mail on the phone cannot handle all the calls. It was suggested that there might be a better voice mail system that would give the date and time of the each call and pass holder could only make one reservation per phone call. An online registration form was also discussed.

The space between the tent sites was brought up as safety issue. Open discussion followed. One suggestion was to put up an orange fence to establish a path. It was decided that we would look to the Master plan developed by Uconn for the best way to redesign the tent sites.

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were not available

4. Correspondence: None

5. Old Business

a. Camp Report-Report submitted by Vicki Severin

i. Camp Programs/Usage/Events

For October, there were 128 cabin users, 1272 at special events.

Tent Campers: n/a

Residential Campers: n/a

Day Visitors: unknown

1 volunteer and 6 master gardeners

Total for the month of October: 1400

ii. Physical Plant

1. Pass holder policy/access issues: Vicki said there had been many problems with the gate. The serviceman fixed them and said to call right away if there any further problems. The gate is working now and if there are any issues it could be the individual pass card. Vicki said they would be changing the afterhour's code.

2. Electrical Project: Mary said that the contractor was picked and the work should begin in about 2 weeks.

b. History Questionnaire: Bev and Vicki have been working on a letter to send out requesting stories and pictures to use in writing the history of Camp Harkness. A release and consent form need to be included with this request. Ron suggested looking in the New London Day archives for articles about Harkness.

- c. Booster Club/Equestrian Program: Vicki said she had met with Tonya and she is coming up with a form the camp directors can send out. April suggested that we also ask Tonya about developing a therapeutic riding program for members of the community who may not be campers.
 - d. Website: Mary asked that everyone look at the Proposed Content Draft, she handed out, and e-mail her back with information and descriptions. DDs will use this information to create link to Camp Harkness on their website
 - E. Camp Harkness Fund: Vicki reported that there is a bicycle event on June 5st from 9-1 and the Camp Harkness Fund wants to hold an open house/ fundraiser on the same day after 1 pm.
 - e. Other: The annual Report is due. Mary suggested we check with Stan to see if he can still write it or if he needs contributions from the committee.
6. New Business: The subject of WYFI access at the camp was discussed. Mary said she would check to see what is allowed by the state in regard to WYFI. Rose Anna said she would check in to grants
7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.
Next Meeting: Dec. 3, 2009 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted,

April Dipollina