

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
September 24, 2009
Minutes

Camp Office
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Members Present: Bev Jackson, Joyce Baker, April Dipollina, Diane Harrington, Ron Rasi, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby

Others Present: Mary McKay, Scott Wolfe, Nancy Lasalle

Meeting called to order at 10:38am.

1. Citizens' Comments: None
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Diane to approve the July minutes, seconded by April. All in favor.
3. Additions to Agenda: None
4. Correspondence: SOTS Gender and Racial Composition Report
5. Old Business
 - a. Camp Report
 - i. Camp Programs/Usage/Events 10,400 Users in August, including 1,500 for special events and the Camp programs. 2,600 visitors in September through Labor Day weekend with 755 cabin users and 700 for Special Events.
 - ii. End of Camp Season Wrap up: Another successful camp season for all. Joyce did note some uneven surfaces around the brown cabins needed attention.
 - b. History Questionnaire: Vicki is working on a questionnaire for a history of Camp Harkness and looking to get stories. The New London Day archives were mentioned as a possible source.
 - c. Cycling for a Cause: Motion to approve made by April, seconded by Bev. All in favor with Diane abstaining. Route will be planned to minimize overlap with Camp pedestrian traffic.
 - d. Sunset Overlook: Eagle Scout project completed. There is some money left over for the Scouts' fundraising which will be put toward a bench and plantings. The plan is to let the stone pack down over the winter and add more in the spring.
 - e. Booster Club/Equestrian Program: Program was limited this year due to late start. Will need to start process earlier for next season. Oak Hill is committed to riding next year. Tonya will be invited to a

Camp Directors meeting to facilitate planning and communication.
April and Diane are willing to help enhance program for families.

- f. Camp Harkness Fund, Inc.: Nothing to report.
- g. Camp Dragonfly: 12 girls attended the camp and had a very successful week. 12 boys and girls with visual impairments were also at Oak Hill's Camp the same week. All participated in adaptive kayaking, a ropes challenge course and waterskiing as part of the week's activities. Camp Dragonfly will return next year.
- h. ARC/NLC Day Camp: Also had a very successful week. The evaluations of the camp were all positive, with the only negative being not enough swimming.
- i. Other
 - i. Swipe Cards: having intermittent problems; also with codes. Traced back to a motherboard issue. Working on repairs.
 - ii. Website: Mary continues to work on content. In the webmaster's queue.
 - iii. Public Agency requirements distributed.
 - iv. Work being done on roof and soffits at the Beach House.
 - v. The electrical project is scheduled for October.
 - vi. New heater installed in Brown cabin.

6. New Business

7. Adjournment at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Soby, Chair