

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
February 24, 2011
Minutes

Camp Office
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Members Present: April Dipollina, Ginny Hogan, Ron Rasi, Bev Jackson, Joyce Baker, Vicki Severin, Stan Soby
Others Present: Scott Wolfe, Ernie Smith, Brian Armstrong

Meeting Called to Order at 10:44 am

1. Citizens' Comments: None.
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Additions to Agenda: None
4. Correspondence: None

5. Presentation/Use Request by Brian Armstrong, Sensational Synergy by the Sea
Synergy is proposing operating an after-school summer program for up to 20 participants over six weeks this summer. Last year, the program operated for 2 weeks in East Lyme, 3 weeks at Harkness and 2 weeks in Madison. Mr. Armstrong requested the use of a pavilion from 12:30 - 5:30, Monday through Thursday, access to the beach and playscape area and use of Harkness Hall during inclement weather.

Mr. Armstrong indicated he had started a foundation, Sensations Charitable Foundation, to support the program. He indicated a projected fee of \$450 per week, with discounts for multi-week participants.

After Mr. Armstrong's presentation, there was discussion among the members regarding the impacts on the existing users and activities at camp that this program would have. There was also discussion, based on printed information provided, which of the organizations Mr. Armstrong represents would actually be responsible for the program.

6. Old Business

- a. Camp Report

- i. Camp Programs/Usage/Events:

68 Cabin Users, 34 at Movie Night, 5 agencies. Volunteers:

4 Master Gardeners, 1 office

- ii. Physical Plant

Family Bathroom: completed except for painting

Work being done on cabin water lines

Dorcas Lodge: all materials in for bathroom renovation

Harkness Hall: all 32 old light fixtures being removed and replaced with 8 LED fixtures.; cost payback in < 1 year, with a 15 year guarantee
Yellow 4: Hallway floor rotted; getting prices on materials, to be done in May
Yellow/Blue Cabins: A/C units being installed
New Generator for Yellow/Blue cabins sewer pump
Superdeck in week of May 24
Brown Cabins: couple of water heaters replaced
Arbor over Walkway: Eagle Scout project
Brown 1: renovation as recreation area
UCP Infirmary: Mold issue being address with dehumidifier in basement, Service Master to clean, then will be re-painted
Gate: All old codes are gone. Users will need to re-apply. There will be a \$5 processing fee.23008 access code is available.
DDS will be using Camp for housing as it renovates houses in the Region.

b. Upcoming Events

c. Honorary Users Pass:

By acclamation, it was agreed to grant an honorary user's pass to Ed Preneta, upon his retirement, in recognition of his career of advocacy on behalf of individuals with disabilities

d. Planning for 2011: Positions are still on the list

e. Food Service Contract:

BESB has expressed interest and has right of first refusal

f. Equestrian Program: Staffing uncertain. Indication of a cost increase.

g. Website

h. Camp Harkness Fund

i. Other

7. New Business

a. Election of Officers: Motion made by Ron and seconded by Ginny to re-elect current officers. All in favor, motion passed.

8. Adjournment: 12:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Soby, Chair