

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
May 26, 2011
Minutes

Camp Office
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385

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

Others Present: Ernie Smith, Peter Cavanaugh

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 am.

1. Citizens' Comments: None
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve made by April, seconded by Vicki, 6 in favor, Ron abstained.
3. Additions to Agenda: None
4. Correspondence: None
5. Old Business
 - a. Camp Report
 - i. Camp Programs/Usage/Events:
 - Equestrian Program: Concerns were expressed about the program. The price that was quoted was unaffordable for the Camp programs. The Booster Club's agreement with the State ends in a year and consideration of renewal will be reviewed in the fall. The Booster Club has not met performance or documentation measures identified in the agreement.
 - Pow Wow: As a fundraiser, organizers will be selling baskets with a portion of the proceeds going to Camp.
 - Events: See attached report.
 - ii. Physical Plant: Summer help has been hired. Harkness Hall has been painted. Super Deck is in. Family bathroom is having handrails installed today. An automatic door opener with lock will be installed (cost: \$3,000). The \$200 outdoor fixtures on the Green cabins are being replaced with a \$12 CFL fixture. No state agency will take action on the graffiti on the rocks. A contractor has been contacted. There are new curtains for the Brown

cabins. New chairs for the dining hall. There is no electricity at the camp sites, but there are outdoor outlets at the bath house and grill area.

- b. Upcoming Events
 - c. Planning For 2011: Summer staff all hired; working on hiring RN.
 - d. Website
 - e. Commissioner Visit: Mary will invite Commissioner Macy to visit Camp as his schedule allows.
 - f. Other
 - New Passes: The Bingham family requested fifty (50) passes (for over 200 members). Determination was made to issue ten (10) and let the family manage the use. This could help in limiting the number of vehicles, which frequently park in h/c spaces at pavilion without displaying placards. Need to look at both signage and enforcement in that area. A letter with guidelines will be sent with the passes. Seaweed rights were discussed. Organizational passes will be distributed on a basis so that the passes will be shared among programs within each organization.
6. New Business: Approval of Annual Reports to be added to next month's agenda.
7. Adjournment at 12:08 pm.