

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
October 26, 2017
Minutes**

Present: Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, April Dipollina, Shannon Aiello, Bev Jackson, Betsie Danforth, Thomas Dailey, MaryAnn Langdon, Dan Steward, Ron Rasi

Others Present: Charmique Grange, Joe Zinko, Phil Stanley, Carin Mancini, Charlie Rose, Rose Anne Rose

1. **Call to Order:** 10:42 AM

2. **Public Comments:** None

3. **Additions to Agenda:** None

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

August minutes were tabled – no hard copy available to review.

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

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Camp Harkness Fund:**

April reported activities including:

A. Fund Raisers

- Only one (1) T-shirt was sold at the Road Race
- Request for funding to Kelsey Foundation for Play Group is finished

B. Play Group

- The group is very diverse but becoming more cohesive; there is more interaction among parents
- DPH came to talk with parents on accessing services
- Stan to talk with April regarding transition thru services with different agencies; improve the articulation from service to service

C. Other Activities

- Motorcycle Gift Run will be November 5th
- Partial funds will go to Camp Harkness Fund
- Series of three (3) Nutrition Group Meetings for parents and individuals living independently

7. **Old Business**

A. Camp Report

i. Camp Usage/ Events – see attached

- Vicki reported
- Cabin users: 590
- Special Event participants: 1,561
- Tent campers: 26
- Day Visitors: 1,963
- Volunteers: 13
- Total for the month: 4,140

ii. High Hopes

- Vicki shared data from High Hopes
- They only provided services for camp
- They did have “open barn” lines for other to access services
- Betsie suggested some type of notification of receipt of services to parents
- Thomas suggested asking if there are interim services to provide for longer service at camp
- It was suggested that High Hopes attend the January meeting
- Vicki will talk with High Hopes at today’s camp meeting regarding their needs to provide more service

iii. Halloween Party

- ARC Halloween Party will be on Friday
- Summer staff volunteers will do the Haunted Train Ride
- Carin suggested Vicki check with HR regarding liability

iv. Physical Plant:

- Joe reported
 - Winterizing cabins
 - Lines installed to gate house: electric, phone and third for possible Wi-Fi
 - Service/ repairing heating
 - Discussion of possible donation of broad band services from local company to be reviewed with DDS IT

B. DDS Updates

- Conversions complete some time in February/ March
- Census in Southbury is coming down under 200

i. State Budget

- Passed Senate above veto margin

ii. Planning for 2018 Camp Season

- Vicki is compiling a list of activities for Casino Groups in spring
- Email received that Eagle Scout project is on hold

C. Advocacy

i. Holiday Brunch

- Bev designed and sent invitation to members
- Sign up for what each will bring was passed around
- Stan will send invites to Senator Formica, Representative McCarthy, Deputy Commissioner and DD caucus leaders

ii. Petition – Possible Presentation

- Betsie compiled signatures in a more concise format
- Discussion of when to present them continues with scheduling to see Governor

8. New Business:

- Rose Anne shared information about unused monies in the General Fund for State Parks
- It was questioned whether Camp Harkness receives any monies from a grant left to certain parks by an estate
- Rose Ann wondered if it was okay to submit Camp Harkness as a recipient of monies from Grange Quilt Raffle
- Ron Rasi shared an obituary of husband of long time member Ginny Hogan. Condolences will be sent from the membership

9. Adjournment: 12:01 PM

Next Meeting: December 7, 2017 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary