

**Camp Harkness Advisory Committee**  
**Zoom Meeting**  
**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9609464276>**  
**Meeting ID: 9609464276**  
**One Tap Mobile +19294362866,,96094664276#US(New York)**  
**July 23, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dieberger, Betsy Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon, April Dipollina, Bev Jackson,

**Others Present:** John Massicotte, Chris Pierce, Cres Secchiaroli

**1. Call to Order:** 10:33 AM

**2. Public Comment:** None

**3. Additions to Agenda:** April suggested a discussion on how to move forward with maintaining Camp during the Covid-19 pandemic

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were amended to state that there is only one family bathroom. Bev motioned to approve minutes as amended. April seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Camp Harkness Foundation:**

**A. Play Group**

- April reported that the Play Group was unable to start
- She and Vicki had prepared all needed documentation for State guidelines; awaiting approval from the State
- Don't feel comfortable contacting families to schedule and prepare any events that can't happen without State approval and might have to be cancelled
- Vicki is unsure of the delay in the response from the State – she understands the situation for the Camp has more restrictions
- Heather sent an overview of the Play Group to the Commissioner stating what an essential program it has been
- The Commissioner's response was that the Play Group was an addendum under review
- Stan will reach out for a response
- April stated that the Play Group needs to address the time-line and number of sessions stipulated by the grant from L&M – need to consider ways to move forward
- April also suggested a parent self-advocate or pass holder be on the reopening committee – it is unknown if these groups are represented
- Cres stated that the committee is made up of multiple committees to open different segments
- He doesn't know who the stake holders are; there are internal groups involved with re-opening of Camp Harkness
- Stan suggested adding a member of Camp Harkness Advisory Committee and a pass holder

**B. Fundraising**

- Heather is still pursuing information about having a virtual family walk/ run

### C. Sun Shelter

- Pursuing other quotes – to date the quotes received are very high
- Foundation Committee is meeting with another contractor today (7/23/20)
- Discussions continue about moving existing shelter to a new location

## 7. Old Business

### A. Camp Report

#### i. Physical Plant:

- July 10<sup>th</sup> Beach opening was rained out
- Family bathhouse opened but has a lock on it to deter public access
- John will address the issue of having the lock with Patricia
- Shower valve and temperature regulators repaired - John observed that they are not ADA compliant and will address that issue
- Epoxy painted floors in bathroom
- Bath house area needs a lot of work – would like to see solar power installed in the area

#### ii. Camp Usage/Events:

- Phase 1 - June 12<sup>th</sup> – opening for people to walk the grounds – 50-person limit
- Phase 2 - June 19<sup>th</sup> – began taking reservation
- Phase 3 - June 27<sup>th</sup> – Beach opened; 75 people are now allowed to use Camp
- 1008 visitors/ 403 turn arounds
- Comments have been positive

### B. DDS Updates

- Cres is working hard on reopening plan
- Day programs are opening; visitations are opening - Slow progression with caution to resurgence
- A summary judgement was made for high school grads to receive school services until age 22
- Attorney General to appeal judgement

### C. Advocacy

- Limited special session
- Agenda for Legislature has nothing in terms of budget - may go into September
- Providers who access funds from the Payroll Protection Program will have deductions from the HHS funds
- Stan stated that the decision of shutdown/slow move forward was good to keep people in-state
- Betsy asked if anyone knew where the donated sails were located – John will find them
- Chris Pierce will replace Todd who retired as maintenance supervisor – working on succession plans internally

## 8. New Business:

- Vicki reported on several fundraisers
- The Arc to do a virtual Stride's race – they will write up a proposal for it
- Motorcycle Run – discussions being held with Mike's Famous Cycles
- Festive 5-K will be virtual
- Questioned about having a staggered walk that day
- Heather wondered if there were grants to fund solar power at the bath house
- Stan and April will help write a grant if possible

## 9. Adjournment: 11:51AM

**Next Meeting:** August 27, 2020 - TBD

**Respectfully submitted by:** Shannon Aiello, Secretary