

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Zoom Meeting
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January 28, 2021
Minutes

Present: Stan Soby, Vicki Severin, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dierberger, Betsy Danforth, MaryAnn Langton, Bev Jackson, April Dipollina

Others Present: John Massicotte, Patricia West

1. Call to Order: 10:35 AM

2. Public Comment: None

3. Additions to Agenda: Scout Troop service project

4. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were amended to correct 2 typos: "Dimrock" was changed "Dimmock" and "Grand" was changed to "Grant". MaryAnn motioned to accept minutes as amended. Bev seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

5. Correspondence:

An email was received from the Boy Scouts requesting an opportunity to do a service project at the Camp. Project would involve Cubs between the age of 8-10 and would focus on a specific disability to obtain their Adventure Pin. Project theme would be "Aware and Care".

6. Camp Harkness Foundation:

A. Play Group

- No Play Group activities occurred in January
- April reported that she continues to organize with Vicki and John
- Parents would like to meet online without children, but it has been hard to schedule
- Possible online virtual activity is being planned with Music Therapist
- Families are asking about Summer Camp
- Plans are being made for a virtual online Summer Camp Fair to assist parents

B. Fundraising

- Heather reported that the online fund has \$516.17
- Heather asked if an application had been made for a grant for the Summer Play Group
- April responded funds from the last grant were still available; more would be accessed if needed

C. Sun Shelter

- Shelter is completed
- Continued work on electric and heating options is being done
- old shelter is still set aside
- Vicki thought that if the old shelter was placed near the Nature Trail, the Boy Scout project could be to clear the area where the shelter would be relocated
- John said that the site would need preparation – additional stone needed to be put down

7. Old Business

A. Camp Report

i. Physical Plant:

- John reported a meeting will be held with maintenance team to discuss Spring & Summer
- Bev asked why the plants were cut down along the road to the beach
- John responded that the plants were invasive and were removed by DEP in an attempt to restore the marsh
- Waterford High School oceanography class project will be to put in an accessible dock for kayaking; the class wanted to offer the dock to the Camp

ii. Camp Usage/Events:

- Vicki gave December report (see attached)
- \$3355 in gift cards were collected and purchased through donations made through a virtual version of the 41st Annual Motorcycle Gift Run
- The Chiefs Club purchased gifts for 63 individuals from the wish list
- The traditional party for over 40 years was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions
- Special Events: 23 individuals
 - Chiefs Club party,
 - Family Support Network ZOOM Holiday Party with Music Therapist
- Day Visitors: Unknown since Booth was closed for the Season
- Vicki suggested that there be some method of tracking Day Visitors
- There is a need to learn more about the gate system, but the company that installed it is no longer in existence
- John will further discuss with Vicki how to count/keep track of how many day visitors come to the Camp

B. DDS Updates:

- Stan reported that the reopening plan is status quo
- Hopefully impact from Covid-19 vaccinations will change the status

C. Advocacy

- Stan stressed the need to stay in touch with the new leaders in the legislature at the Capitol
- It was important to be aware of what bills are filed and what the legislature is trying to do
- The new Legislators need to be provided continued information regarding the issues which are important to the Camp, including funding and advocacy
- Public hearings are on ZOOM to give the public access

8. New Business

A. New Officers:

- April motioned that election of the new officers be tabled until the next meeting
- Stan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed

B. Advisory Committee:

- Stan will address vacancies on the Advisory Committee
- A discussion was conducted about replacing Family Support Council with a member of the Family Support Network
- Stan will send information regarding these changes

9. Adjournment: 11:40 PM

Next Meeting: February 25, 2021 by Zoom meeting

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary