

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
301 Great Neck Road
Waterford, CT 06385-3825
June 23, 2022
Minutes

Present: Stan Soby, Shannon Aiello, Heather Dierberger, April Dipollina, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Bev Jackson, Elisa Marcoux, Betsie Danforth, MaryAnn Langdon

Others Present: John Massicotte, Anne Marie Poudrier, Melissa Kremmel, Myra Ortez, Patricia West, Julia Zawacki,

1. **Call to Order:** 10:34 AM
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Additions to Agenda:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Tabled until next meeting due to several corrections made by autocorrect on the computer.
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Camp Harkness Foundation:**
 - A. **Garden Cleanup**
 - Volunteers continue clean up
 - Suggestion of getting agency crew (the Arc or Seabird) to help with maintenance
 - B. **Camper-ships**
 - Marian Brown will contact the Arc and Sunrise regarding camper-ships
 - C. **Activities**
 - Melissa stated that there is no coordinator for the southeast area
 - Hopefully when appointed, the Play Group will be up and going again
 - D. **Fundraising**
 - No update
 - E. **Playground**
 - No update
7. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Camp Report**
 - i. **Physical Plant:**
 - John reported
 - Tree work
 - Painted office and interior of Brown Cabins
 - Concrete pads for new gliders have not been installed
 - Scheduling date from contractors to put new roofs on Green Cabins
 - Bev questioned automatic door
 - John will take a look at it on Brown Cabin 1
 - Existing door not considered an egress, but Bev said the cabin is used as an infirmary and individuals exit that door often
 - Bev questioned food contract - Elisa stated that the issue was resolved
 - DEP looked at road - will try to raise the road to help with the water issue

ii. Camp Usage/ Events:

- Elisa gave report for May (see attached)
- Cabin users: 26
- Day visitors: 1,858
- Campers: 0
- Volunteers: 4 (Master Gardeners: 14)
- Bath houses are open
- Motorcycle Run meeting scheduled
- Contacting individuals for yoga class
- Lifeguard position will be reposted
- Playscape meetings to be scheduled

B. DDS Updates:

- Myra stated that the DDS 5K Run was a great day
- Plans are being made for a race next year
- Jackson stated there were a lot of DDS changes
- There are great opportunities, challenges, and continued hiring
- Patricia West received a promotion

C. Advocacy:

- Many legislators are leaving
- An effort to make new friends and educate incoming legislators about Camp Harkness
- Paul Formica is not returning
- Bev suggested sending a thank you letter to him for all of his support

8. New Business: None

9. Adjournment: 11:22 AM

Next Meeting: July 21, 2022, TBA

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary