

# Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee

Thursday, Feb 25, 2021

6:00 pm

Zoom Conference Call - COVID-19 Precautions

<b>Attendees:</b>	Sean Leary, Chair; Amanda Sweetser- Vice chair, Ann Diorio- Treasurer, Karyn Hammond- Secretary, Bernie Rideout- Selectman, Sarah Hudon- Program Director, Maryanne O'Malley (HASP), Karen Atkins- Hinsdale Beautification Committee, Katie Leonard
<b>Excused:</b>	Gail Roberts, Sam Kilelee
<b>Others present:</b>	Jill Collins- Town Administrator

## Minutes

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Acceptance of minutes from meeting 12/3/20	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sean Leary
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Motion made by Ann ; Seconded by Amanda ; Passed. Minutes accepted as submitted.

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Treasurer's Report	<b>Presenter:</b>	Ann Diorio
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**Discussion:** See attached report.

Motion to accept made by Karyn; Seconded by Amanda; Passed

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Program Director Report	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sarah Hudon
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**Discussion:**

- Community Center Report: see attached report
- Seasonal Sports Update: see attached report
- Program Updates: see attached report
- Any other business to come before the Board: see attached report

Katie asked if Sarah is receptive to hosting a spring basketball clinic. Sarah reported she has communicated with Brett and is being mindful of not interfering with Cal Ripken. Katie reported that Cal Ripken is working on scheduling a spring season. Katie reported she is willing to help in any way. Ann contributed in support of opening the Community Center as soon as possible, with modifications, PPE etc. Ann stated that It is important also to continue Day Camp and the pool to get the children engaged again.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ F/u re: planning for Program Director roles, Day camp planning	Sarah	as able, ongoing

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<b>Agenda item:</b>	Beautification Committee/Farmers' Market	<b>Presenter:</b>	Karen Atkins
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**Discussion:** Karen reported that the first Beautification Committee meeting in months will be next Tuesday. they are looking at what they can resume, what they can do differently. Events such as Fairy Gardens, Art in the Park, Night Before the Fourth, etc. Wondering about

Jill reported Art in the Park and Night Before the Fourth should be okay as scheduled outside, but number (attendance) parameters mandated from the state will ultimately determine attendance limits . Farmers' Market was fairly easier to maintain social distancing; unclear if this will be as manageable with other events. Ann suggested moving Art in the Park up to the soccer field area to accommodate larger crowds. Jill reviewed that possibly field house bathrooms could be opened up; personnel to clean bathrooms would be needed. Karen talked about expanding upon space utilized in order to accomodate more vendors.

Karen confirmed that planning for the Night Before the Fourth will continue. She suggested using an attendance tracker (clicker) in order to maintain attendance cap. Ann and the committee voiced support for this.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ F/u re: HBC, Night Before the Fourth planning	Karen	as able	
<b>Agenda item:</b>	Girls on the Run/Heart & Sole	<b>Presenter:</b>	Karyn Hammond

**Discussion:**

Karyn updated the committee of the following:

Per the GOTR-NH website, registration for the Spring 2021 season will open on Friday, February 26. The spring season will run April 5-June 12. There will be in-person teams and virtual team formatting. In-person programming allows for transition to virtual as needed/determined by the associated school(s). Karyn updated the committee of several factors related to COVID-19, including the following, per Karyn's communications with GOTR-NH council:

- GOTR, for grades 3-5, and Heart & Sole, typically for grades 6-8, will have both in-person and virtual models this year.
- Heart & Sole has been given permission to open to 9th graders this coming spring season only, given the shortened spring season last year.
- When provided in schools, both programs take place in-person only with the permission of the school and their respective COVID protocols.
- Virtual programming can occur both in-person and transition to remote, just as schools have needed to.
- Registration for both programs starts today, and is open until each program is full, based on coaching and participant ratio.
- Each season starts the week of April 5 and concludes in June as a 9-week program. This season will be starting a month later than previous years.
- Each school (in our case, town) that participates will be sent supplies from council to host its own 5K, so there is no need to travel or be in a crowd.
- GOTR-NH, unlike GOTR-VT, offers a fall season in addition to the spring season we in Hinsdale are accustomed to.

Karyn asked the Committee for thoughts regarding the program and the upcoming season. Karyn reported feeling the program would be much more challenging to hold successfully at HES (GOTR), and updated the committee of reluctance on the part of the HES coaches she had reached out to thus far (given COVID-19 restrictions, etc). Karyn reported feeling Heart & Sole would likely have a better chance of being able to have a complete season, even if needing to flip to remote given any future positive cases at HMHS. Karyn stated the program would be held outdoors as often as possible, and that she is fully vaccinated (COVID-19) at this time.

Following discussion, the committee concurred that Karyn should reach out to the principals of each school next, and that likely this would be a matter to be proposed to the School Board. Karyn agreed that she would present to the School Board if that were the decision of the school principals.

The Committee agreed to cap participant prices at \$35 each, as per multiple previous seasons. Maryanne reported HASP could contribute approx \$50 per participant as needed, and that funds from an anonymous Keene donor could be applied toward this. Ann reported Sports funds from the Parks and Rec account could also assist.

Katie Leonard also offered to coach a Heart & Sole team, if allowed, with Karyn. Karyn to send Katie information if approval is received from the schools, potentially the School Board at their next meeting on March 10.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact Joe Boggio and Ann Frietag re: access to schools for GOTR/Heart and Sole, and to f/u accordingly.	Karyn	asap

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Meeting Adjourned	6:47pm	
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Motion made by Ann; Seconded by Amanda ;Passed

Next HCRC meeting: March 25, 2021