

Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee

Thursday, July 25, 2019

6:00 pm

Pool Building

Attendees:	Ann Diorio, chair; Amanda Sweetser- Vice chair, Karyn Hammond- Secretary, Mike Carrier- Selectman, Matt Palmer- Program Director, Robert Johnson, Theresa Diorio, Kathryn Lynch- Hinsdale Beautification Committee, Sean Leary, Sam Kilelee, Maryanne O'Malley, Sarah Hudon- Treasurer
Excused:	N/A
Others present:	N/A

Minutes

Agenda item:	Acceptance of minutes from meeting 6/20/19	Presenter:	Ann Diorio
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Motion made by Sean; Seconded by Theresa; Passed

Agenda item:	Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Sarah Hudon
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Discussion: See attached report. Theresa inquired of Sarah re: purchasing a replacement tent. Sarah answered her question. Sean also offered replacement tents.

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

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
N/A		

Agenda item:	Program Director Report	Presenter:	Matt Palmer
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Discussion:

- Community Center Report: see attached report.
- Seasonal Sports Update: see attached report.
- Program Updates: Day camp attendance typically 90-100/day up until this week. Fire dept visit went well earlier today. Matt reported that a printed flier had gone home to parents of day camp attendees. Karyn reported that she hadn't yet received one; Matt to follow up. Karyn asked about activities schedule/routine, structure, and varied activities for attendees at day camp. Matt answered questions regarding rotating pool schedule, activity selection from resources available at day camp for the counselors to reference, and reported that these have been utilized by the counselors. Kathryn inquired about hiring Counselors in Training; Matt reported none were hired. Matt reported that parent feedback had been very positive. Theresa reported concern about the continuity of the program in the future, and that she will be following up regarding this matter as a citizen (outside of HCRC).

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A		

Agenda item:	Beautification Committee/Farmers' Market	Presenter:	Kathryn Lynch/Theresa Diorio
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Discussion:

Beautification Committee:

See attached report from Kathryn. Suggestions were made to Kathryn regarding the Night Before the Fourth and she'll be following up regarding this.

Farmers' Market/Theresa: Deposit made from first market today. One market was canceled and there were two low turnout weeks when Theresa waived the vendor fee in light of low turnout. Six new vendors. Still attracting new vendors, and discussing vendor layout to increase visibility. Last Farmers' Market is being planned in conjunction with Beautification Committee (goal for Sunday Oct 13th). Discussing events and not to have competing events, but have a variety of events, including a couple of free activities..

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ N/A			
Agenda item:	Girls on the Run/Heart & Sole	Presenter:	Karyn Hammond

Discussion:

See attached report.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ F/u re: advertising, paperwork needed for Bake Sale at Walmart Oct 5	Karyn	ASAP

Agenda item:	New Business	Presenter:	Ann/Matt
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Discussion:

Ann reported that the spreadsheet provided by Matt was not the information that was initially requested (last month's HCRC meeting). Matt replied that some of the information had been requested by Sean (Sean reported that this was for a different report), and that Bob had requested. Ann discussed there would be extra funds left after all expenses. Matt discussed differences between anticipated expenses. Sarah reported typically there is a surplus of approx \$2,000 between seasons. Theresa asked about what was happening with excess funds, and reported concern about having too large a "surplus" at any given time. Ann pointed out that the remaining balance has been steadily increasing over the past few years (see below)..

Theresa asked about Matt reported this spreadsheet reflects fundraising and registration income and not cost for new equipment, etc. Sarah asked about a particular item on the spreadsheet; Matt replied. Sam inquired about Matt's source for equipment, and is willing to share information re: alternate vendor for supplies (that he uses at HMHS). Matt reported interest. Theresa asked for clarification regarding expenses, purchases, etc, and pointed out the continual surplus. Matt concurred that there would be a surplus at any given time. Theresa reminded folks that Rec sports were meant to be a service to the community and not to be self-sustaining. Ann reviewed the following balances as provided by Sarah:

Aug 2017 \$2,798.83

July 2018 \$4,576

July 2019 \$7,412.71

Matt reminded the committee that sustainability is a concern for the Parks and Rec program. Sean reported that perhaps in the interest of sustainability, supporting other sport-related programs such as GOTR and Outdoor Hinsdale should be included. Matt again reinforced that he didn't want to siphon money away from other pools of money in order to sustain other programs. Matt reminded the committee that Hinsdale was the only town in the league that expanded programming while other towns contracted. Sean asked for information regarding specific events, programs.

Sean made a motion that this issue (including sustainability) be brought to the Selectboard to determine which programs can be used to fund other programs. Theresa seconded the motion under the condition that Outdoor Hinsdale and GOTR be included under the umbrella of Parks and Rec. Kathryn heavily encouraged lowering registration costs given the surplus; much of the board agreed. Karyn wished to clarify that available funds could be used to purchase coach sweatshirts/attire, and Matt reported that this was done this past year (stating also that some of this was by donation from sponsors).

Bob asked about specific sports that raise specific amounts, and wished to clarify that lowering fees toward soccer or basketball wouldn't be utilized to assist GOTR. Theresa and Karyn concurred that GOTR is a sport and thus similar to sport programming under Parks & Rec. Likewise, Outdoor Hinsdale events include exercise in their activities (hiking, kayaking, etc). Discussion followed re: lowering all registration fees and supporting all Rec programs. All agreed that donations earmarked for a specific item/program should be utilized that way.

Vote followed; vote passed to meet before the Selectboard. August 2019 meeting to include reviewing goals of HCRC and to expand upon already-reviewed information regarding Rec sports budget, surplus, etc. At that time, discussion will follow regarding meeting with the Selectboard regarding budget/sustainability of the Sports programs.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A		

Agenda item:	Meeting Adjourned	6:58	
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Motion made by Sean; Seconded ; Kathryn; Passed

Next HCRC meeting: Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the SAU building, 6pm