

# Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee

Thursday, March 2, 2023  
6:00 pm  
Millstream Community Center

<b>Attendees:</b>	Sean Leary, Chair; Amanda Sweetser- Vice chair, Ann Diorio- Treasurer, Karyn Hammond- Secretary, Bernie Rideout- Selectman, Sarah Hudon- Program Director, Kathryn Lynch, Theresa Diorio- Hinsdale Beautification Committee
<b>Excused:</b>	Katie Leonard, Emily Clever- HBC
<b>Others present:</b>	N/A

## Minutes

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Acceptance of minutes from meetings 11/30/2022 and 1/26/2023	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sean Leary
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Acceptance of minutes from meetings held 11/30/2022 and 1/26/2023.

Motion made by Ann; Seconded by Bernie; Passed

<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 Kathryn; Seconded Amanda; Passed

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

- Community Center Report:
- Seasonal Sports/Basketball Update: Season went very well. Seth Deyo/Vernon Rec Director contacted Sarah praising Hinsdale fan and coach behaviors. Grades 5-6 tournament went well last weekend in Vernon. Upcoming grades 3-4 tournament scheduled for the weekend of March 10-11 starting at 8:30 on Saturday in Bernardston.

Sarah proposed moving to t-shirts for upcoming basketball seasons due to cost; all other teams had t-shirts while Hinsdale had reversible jerseys. Committee agreed to purchase tshirts moving forward.

Sarah mentioned the coaches have proposed skills-building sessions to be covered under Rec. Theresa provided input regarding hours/availability of gym space, late hours practices from 6-8pm, for example, and using space used by HASP. Discussion followed. Ann raised the question regarding the grant and raising the ceiling in the Community Center to allow for the space to be used by Rec, particularly the younger participants.

Motion made by Bernie, seconded by Theresa to extend the current basketball season (through April 8); passed.

Kathryn later reported that she thought the cheerleading team did very well this year; Sarah reported that Kim Simeon was happy to join the Coaches' meeting this year.

Discussion followed regarding thank-you notes for coaches, as well as perhaps gifts for the high school referees for their work this basketball season.

- Program Updates: Sean asked about summer hiring; summer hire letters have not been mailed as of this time. Sarah reported that she will be mailing hiring letters tomorrow. Sarah has requested responses by the end of March, at which point second letters will follow.
- Budget Update: no present updates.
- Donation update (from last meeting): New donation from former Hinsdale Rec participant/graduate for \$500 scholarship for "sports participation or to purchase necessary equipment to improve the experience for all."
- Any other business to come before the Committee: N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Follow-up regarding summer hire letters for summer camp	Sarah	asap

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Beautification Committee/Farmers' Market	<b>Presenter:</b>	Theresa Diorio
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**Discussion:** Refer to Emily Clever's attached report for details regarding HBC.

Kathryn reported she has received contact from Mike Osterhout regarding a project for a gazebo downtown and is looking into a couple of grants.

Theresa announced that Sarah will be taking over the Farmers' Market. Theresa and Sarah to meet; Theresa to help Sarah such as with communication with vendors, advertising as needed.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ see above			
<b>Agenda item:</b>	Heart & Sole/GOTR	<b>Presenter:</b>	Karyn Hammond

**Discussion:** GOTR at HES will have one team of 20 this year. H&S so far has no one enrolled; verified per council 3-1-23. Unsure of registration numbers at GOTR at HES at this point. Council has shared information regarding reducing participant fees, particularly in light of no HASP financial support availability this season. Discussion followed regarding Karyn communication with council pertaining to registration fees/financial assistance.

Karyn asked about fundraising as previously discussed with Branch & Blade. Sarah reported she has heard from them and stated that Branch and Blade is planning to propose a couple of dates, likely for a Friday or Saturday night. Participants will be welcome to attend with families. Can also can sell baked goods and make a poster board promoting this fundraiser. Discussion followed regarding March vs May with warmer weather for this event. Saturday afternoons were discussed as preferable, particularly if the girls/participants are to be present.

Karyn will follow up with GOTR Council regarding communication for registration discounts for GOTR/H&S and will contact Maryanne O'Malley regarding communication with parents.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Follow up with council regarding communication to Hinsdale families/financial assistance during registration	Karyn	asap
✓ Follow up with Branch & Blade regarding scheduling fundraiser event for Hinsdale GOTR/Heart & Sole	Sarah	asap

<b>Agenda item:</b>	CIP	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sarah Hudon
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**Discussion:** Sarah and a contractor have met regarding improvements for the Community Center. Sarah has stressed the importance of working within structurally sound improvements and possibly expansion. Sarah will be following up regarding a grant to fund improvements; Kathryn mentioned this grant would cover lighting, the kitchen area. Discussion followed regarding adding handicap-accessible bathrooms/improving the present bathrooms, converting unused space to storage space all bookings are full-hall rentals. Sarah and Kathryn to be in contact regarding the grant application process. The drop box has been fixed and moved under the awning at the Community Center as well.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ see above			
<b>Agenda item:</b>	Membership	<b>Presenter:</b>	Sean Leary

**Discussion:** Sean reported that he has accepted other positions elsewhere and last night and tonight is his last meeting as Chair. Ann reported that she feels that the office of Treasurer is not needed at this time; she receives reports from Alan Zavarotny.

Discussion followed; the committee planned its next meeting with the plan to include officer nominations/elections at that meeting.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline	
✓ See above			
<b>Agenda item:</b>	Other Business	<b>Presenter:</b>	N/A

<b>Agenda item:</b>	Meeting Adjourned	<b>7:00</b>	
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Motion made by Kathryn; Seconded by Sarah; Passed.

Next HCRC meeting: March 30, 2023

Location: TBD