

Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee

Thursday, August 24, 2023
6:00 pm
Millstream Community Center

Attendees:	Ann Diorio, Chair; Karyn Hammond- Secretary, Sarah Hudon- Program Director, Mike Coombs- Seasonal Director, Chandra Burnham- Seasonal (programming) Administrative Assistant, Theresa Diorio- Town Pool Facilities Manager, Emily Clever- Hinsdale Beautification Committee, Chris Meyers- Farmers' Market Director, Katie Leonard, Sam Kilelee.
Excused:	Amanda Sweetser- Vice Chair, Bill Hodgman- Selectboard Representative, Gail Roberts
Others present:	Kleay Steever- Summer Camp Head Counselor

Minutes

Agenda item:	Acceptance of minutes from meeting 7/26/2023	Presenter:	Ann Diorio
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Motion made by Sam; Seconded by Katie; Passed

Agenda item:	Treasurer's Report	Presenter:	Ann Diorio
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Discussion: See attached report.

Emily will be meeting with Alan re: HBC budget numbers. Chris reported that Farmers' Markets checks are taking longer to deposit than he had expected. Ann reported to (Town Accountant) personal circumstances regarding the delay in deposits; discussion followed. This topic will be brought up to the Town Administrator.

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

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Check deposit concerns to be brought up to Town Manager	Ann Diorio	ASAP

Agenda item:	Program Director Report	Presenter:	Sarah Hudon/Kleay Steever/Theresa Diorio
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Discussion:

- **Community Center Report:**

Sarah reported that she is working toward adding a senior exercise group to be based at the Millstream Community Center. An upcoming Toddler Playgroup is scheduled, and Sarah reported to additional Millstream Community Center programming. Sarah stated that she will submit a written report to outline upcoming events.

- **Seasonal Sports Update- Mike Coombs, Chandra Burnham:**

Mike reported that soccer signups are in progress. In-person signups will also be facilitated at the HES Open House on 8/29/23. Official dates for the upcoming soccer season are Sept 9- Oct 28. The season will wrap up Nov 4, and possibly to be incorporated with an ice cream social (as with some previous years). CPR class for coaches is scheduled for this coming Sunday. Theresa inquired re: Coach training that was discussed at an HCRC meeting following the Rec basketball tournaments this past spring. Sam shared information (including re: NFHS; Sam reported that there is now a \$65 fee per participant), and Mike reported that he has been looking into this as well. Mike reported to the time constraints with consideration for the upcoming soccer season. Mike to follow up.

Mike reported regarding soccer goal placement. Sam and Mike spoke to this process. Rec will use the white-painted lines for the goal lines, and blue- or yellow-painted lines will be used inside the field area. Rec soccer this year will be part of the Tri County League, including Northfield, Bernardston, other nearby towns, and possibly Brattleboro. Grades 4-6 will play together this fall Rec season (including the Putney Tournament). Grades 1-3 will also be playing together with some travel involved and no goalies. The soccer Jamboree is to take place in Bernardson (not tournament-style).

Mike proposed to the Committee that separate soccer/basketball/cheer forms be utilized. Mike passed around a form with the proposed changes marked. The Committee agreed. Further discussion followed.

Mike reported that the Putney tournament is scheduled for Oct 14. Mike has been communicating with Putney and other towns (Tri-County Rec departments). Grades 4-6 to have games on Wednesdays. Mike discussed field condition concerns at Putney. He also reported that Chesterfield and Putney are interested in playing 11 v 11 soccer. At this time, kids younger than grades 4-6 will play just Tri County. K and PreK to stay in-house; however, Winchester and Northfield have reported interest in Pre K and K weekly or bi-weekly games, per Chandra's report. Mike and Chandra to follow up.

Shirts have been ordered; these are reversible numbered tank- style jerseys that will also be used for basketball. Paint has also been ordered. Theresa inquired re: communication with players' parents, particularly younger players, regarding travel and practice/game frequency. Mike reported that this has been as much as possible, and will continue to be communicated, as this can impact player participation.

- **Program Updates:** See above, and refer to Sarah's upcoming report.
- **Update of Summer Camp as reported by Kleay Steever:** Kleay reported that camp has concluded and that she has begun some prep work for next summer. Theresa reported that there has been a lot of positive feedback re: summer camp and Kleay's performance as director.
- **Pool Update as reported by Theresa Diorio:** Theresa is working on a needs assessment from a budget prospective, and will be working on prioritizing this. This includes pool and building needs (supplies and structural). Theresa asked Mike to communicate regarding the number of baseball players in the 10U and 12U Cal Ripken tournaments next summer in order to plan for lifeguard staffing (to safely support player swim time).

Six weeks of swim-instruction (not WSI) took place at the pool this season, and this was successful. Weather was largely not cooperative with the Parent-Toddler swim events this summer. Theresa will be looking to schedule this for next summer.

Theresa's goal is to have the pool ad building closed and cleaned by October 1. Tim Kerylow to close the pool, and Lawrence Brothers will be contacted to come to turn the water off.

Theresa will be working on the budget for next season as well.

Agenda item:	Beautification Committee, Farmers' Market	Presenter:	Emily Clever, Chris Meyers
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Discussion:

HBC: Emily reported that there was no August meeting (as previously planned), and that there will be a meeting in September regarding: fall and winter programming.

Ann reported that Josh Green/Community Development Coordinator is interested in resuming a quarterly town newsletter. This will possibly be both paper- and web-based. Ann asked if members present would like to contact Josh; his email was shared with members present.

Farmers' Market: see the attached report as written by Chris Meyers.

Agenda item:	Heart & Sole/GOTR	Presenter:	Karyn Hammond
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Discussion: Nothing new to report at this time.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ N/A	N/A	N/A

Agenda item:	CIP	Presenter:	Sarah Hudon
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Discussion: Sarah reported that she and Kathryn have been making progress regarding grant opportunities, with one upcoming this October. Sarah and Kathryn will continue to work toward this. Emily Clever will be submitting information to Sarah re: details needed for the grant.

Ann reported that the Town Hall offices have been working on proposed budgets this week. Spreadsheet formulas have been incorporated for improved accuracy and efficiency.

Agenda item:	Other Business	Presenter:	Ann Diorio
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Discussion: Ann requested that committee leaders submit reports to her the Sunday before the typically monthly Rec meetings so that committee members will have sufficient time to review reports prior to meeting.

Theresa raised the topic of the upcoming Fall Festival and PTSA Farm Day events. Sarah and Emily reported that communication with the PTSA has been initiated. Sarah is interested in collaborative events, such as classes from HHS to run games as their fundraiser, and Rec to sponsor craft-type activities.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Follow up regarding Fall Festival/Farm Day collaborative events	Sarah Hudon	ongoing
Agenda item:	Meeting Adjourned	7:06

Motion made by Sam; Seconded by Katie; Passed

Next HCRC meeting: TBD

Location: TBD