

Loudon Recreation Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2011

In attendance: Alicia Grimaldi, Jen Pfeifer, and Amanda Masse, Kim Therrien, and Laurie Jaquith

Review of Revolving Fund. Alicia Grimaldi will email Jean Lee, Town Clerk for update financial reports.

Review of Winter Carnival. Excellent turn out considering the day was cold and windy. Suggestions made to offer additional organized games/competition, such as a X-Country Ski Contest, Snowball Launching. Dan Dockham offered to assist.

Bike Safety was cancelled this year due to scheduling. Loudon Recreation would like to take this on next year, but is concerned about requiring the necessary number of volunteers it will take to put on an event like this. We would like to find a volunteer willing to coordinate the event. Perhaps Scouts would like to be more involved in this event. The Committee will ask around to see if we can secure interest in heading up this event. Will also discuss with Janice Morin, LPD to ensure helmets are ordered and Kim Therrien to research additional giveaways for the event prior to the June budget.

Red Cross Safe on My Own will be holding another class at Loudon Elementary School on April 20. Flyers have gone out through LES. Registration forms can be found on the Loudon Website at www.loudonnh.org. The Red Cross Babysitting Course held last month was a success.

Archery in Motion will begin it's final class for the school year on April 22nd and will run through May 27th. This class is enjoyed by many youth here in Loudon. This summer may be held during the summer if a field can be secured for use

Amanda Masse has coordinated Red Cross Safe On My Own course, which will be held on March 11 at LES after school from 3:30 to 5:30pm. The class is limited to 15 participants. Registrations have been sent out through LES and can be found at the Maxfield Public Library and on the website, www.loudonnh.org.

Amanda Masse coordinated with Theresa Taylor of Salty Dog Pottery to team up with Loudon Recreation offering workshops during April vacation. Seven of Loudon Youth participated in the program during February vacation. This flyer has got out through LES and can be found on the website, www.loudonnh.org. Be sure to check out the listing of all available workshops.

Kidz Art program was revisited. Laurie Tautkus is no longer offering instruction. Jen Pfeifer will contact her to see if there are other instructors in the area offering this program.

Loudon Recreation will be offering Spring and Summer Golf Lessons at Loudon Country Club with instructor, Bob Bean. Classes will be offered for adults, juniors and kids. This program will begin May 16th. Registrations forms have gone out through LES and additional forms can be picked up at the Maxfield Public Library. You can also obtain a registration form at www.loudonnh.org Jenn Pfeifer is the contact person at #783-8986.

Loudon Resident, Mike Souther expressed an interest in coordinating a Fishing Derby with Loudon Recreation! We would like to hold this event in conjunction with Winter Carnival. Mike will attend next month's meeting to review surveys that went out to the community to see if there was enough interest for an event like this. We will also discuss details to include location, date, requirements, volunteers, etc.

Swim Lessons will be held again this year at Clough Pond in July and August for two two week sessions. July's classes will be begin on 7/18-7/29 and August classes from 8/1-August 12th with Swim NH. This is an amazing program for Loudon Youth and is a well participated event. Melissa Minery will be the contact at jer.mel.aspen@gmail.com. Alicia Grimaldi will create registration form and it will be available soon on the town website.

Loudon Recreation will hold Theater Camp again this year – this is a wonderful opportunity for Loudon Youth to share their love for acting with the community. The camp will run from July 25th -29th and the final performance will be the evening of the 29th.

Will discuss possibility of Farm Feast at next month's meeting.

Loudon Recreation ordered picnic tables and benches for tennis courts for Rec Field last year. Dave Rice, Road Agent to install them soon. Dave Rice will also have tennis nets up for April vacation. These will be set up by April 23rd.

Discussion had to hold another Demo night on June 29th prior to Community Summer Fun Night kickoff. It was discussed to have Hula Hoops and Double Dutch. Kim Therrien to contact Jill DeMello of Extreme Air of NH at www.extremeair.com / ademello@aol.com Last year at the demo, we also had Stoneboat Farm with there Belgium Horses. This would be another opportunity to have them as it would be a two hour time from 6-8pm.

Community Summer Fun Nights will once again be Wednesday evenings during July and August.

Prior to events, Laurie Jaquith will coordinate pick up basketball for Loudon Youth from 6-7pm – prior to the Community Summer Fun Nights. No registrations are required. If you have questions, please contact Laurie at It will be an opportunity to get kids active, something to do during the summer months. Hula HOOPS and

jump ropes will also be available. Kim Therrien will be there when possible with tennis racquets and balls for pick up tennis!

We'll kick off Community Summer Fun Nights with our Ice Cream Social, the band – Next of Kin and Stoneboat Farm Belgium Horse Rides. The Ice Cream Social will begin at 7pm and Stoneboat Farm will begin at 6 and go to 8pm.

On July 6th. On July 13th, we will host the ever popular Granite State Zoo with their WildLife Encounters Global Tour. On July 20th, the Fountain Square Ramblers DixieLand Band and on July 27th we hope to secure Magician Steve Thomas. Alicia Grimaldi to see if she can secure Army Band. Other band options include Lucious Digs that came last year. Laurie Jaquith will research some additional acts to include the Violin Kids, Strong Man and the Dancing Gouchos. On August 10th, Joli White will be coordinating a Mutt Show where people can enter there dogs and will be judged on tricks, costume, and appearance. Prizes will be awarded. And the finale on August 17th will be our Annual Talent Show. Alicia Grimaldi will contact Christine Campbell who has coordinated this event for the last two years to see if she is still interested in coordinating this event.

Jen Pfeifer mentioned purchasing a doggie receptacle as the Rec Field often has poop which is no fun to step in during an event.

Loudon Recreation will also do a Sports Equipment Swap during summer fun nights. The items will be left in a bucket at the entry of the Rec Field, by the garage and people will be welcome to bring an item to leave and/or take.

If you have ideas or would like to run a program through the Loudon Recreation Committee please contact Alicia Grimaldi at affirmhealth@yahoo.com or call 603-568-5575.

The next Loudon Recreation Committee Meeting will be held on May 25th @ 6:30 pm at the Maxfield Public Library.