

Loudon Recreation Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2007

In attendance: Amanda Masse, Laurie Cowan, Alicia Grimaldi, Jennifer Pfeifer

Thank you to Amanda for putting the meeting in *The Loudon Ledger* and updating the town site. Amanda will do communications for the group to include - updates to *The Loudon Ledger* and Town Website (www.loudonnh.org). Also put monthly meeting in Town Crier with Martha Cheeney two weeks prior to our meeting date. Other possibilities for advertising was the Monitor's Neighbors section, JYY and WKXL.

Alicia will take minutes and email to committee members. We will also post minutes on the town website.

Alicia shared her intention for the Loudon Recreation Department, which is to bring the community together to put on programs of interest that the whole community will enjoy. We are looking for everyone's help. If you have a special interest or hobby and would like to do a program, or would like to help out once in awhile but don't want to be tied down to meetings, please let us know - there is a place for everyone!

Student Volunteer/Community Service - It would be great to involve some of the kids to assist or share their interests and they could get community service credit. Laurie to check to see who the contacts for this would be.

Last year's events included:

2 / 2 week sessions of Swim Lessons, which we will do again this year, need to decide what weeks we are holding these

MLS soccer camp, which LYAA is running this year

In April assisted with LPD Bike Safety Program, which we will do again

Summer Fun Nights:

T Bone

Never's Band

Army Band

Little Red Wagon Theater Group

Field Day and Ice Cream Social

The summer fun nights will be discussed further at our next meeting. We'll look at some new programming to offer. Let's check out the reptile program for this summer. We'll also see what's indicated in the survey we send out.

-Discounted Six Flags Tickets, last year 31 tickets were sold. We'll look at this again to see if it is something we want to offer this year.

- Budget – reviewed. If anyone wants to discuss this further, let's do so at the next meeting. Also handed out the LPD budget for Bike Safety Program. All members approved. There was an open amount for drinks and snacks, will let Janice get

those things and submit bill along with the rest of the materials needed. This is a great program.

Handout list of programming ideas –Amanda compiled a list of programming. Let's add to it. Let's also add some specific groups or programming we would like to see. Email them to Alicia and I will keep an ongoing list.

Programming events - Where would we hold them? Possibilities would be the recreation field, library, Charlie's Barn, Legion (contact, Frances Tewksbury), SnowShakers, and Loudon Elementary School. Alicia to speak with LES Principal, Tom Laliberte re. using school.

Upcoming ideas –

Winter programming, it's a little late for programming this year. Will start in the fall next year for winter programming. Would love to see something offered during school vacation. Also meet with Dave Rice, Road Agent regarding the ice rink to get a plan to have that set up and maintained through the winter months.

Spring programming,
Bike Safety in April – The tentative date for this is April vacation. It is usually a Sat. We will need a couple of volunteers to assist. ? ages of volunteers. ? indoors or out?

Loudon Country Club - Golf Lessons for all ages; adults 15 and up, jrs 8-14, kids 4-7 year olds. Alicia will write a letter to distribute at the schools and put in the ledger. Will not hold sign ups. Will have people send registration form and fee directly to Alicia. Posters will also be made to distribute around town. Alicia to check with Laurie Cowan to see if she can check on how to distribute in middle and high school. Amanda will post on the website and advertise in paper. Alicia will send letters to school end of March/early April.

Theater Group - Summer Program, but will need to see if there is enough interest to make this happen. Alicia spoke with Dale Gregory who would be interested in running a summer theater group for grades 4th through 7th. Alicia will write a letter and distribute to schools to see what kind of interest the students would have in this sort of programming. The classes would be twice a week for 1-2 hours and run for 5 weeks. Cost to residents would be \$10. It was decided we would budget \$600 for this programming. Alicia will have this letter out by the beginning of April. Places to hold this event, gazebo, Charlie's barn, the Legion (has a stage). Alicia will check with Dale and high school drama dept for assistance who may be looking for community service hours over the summer.

Summer Programming Ideas: Jennifer will contact a friend who does marbling with clothes- t's,etc and see what her fee is.

Jennifer would be interested in doing cooking classes, perhaps to go along with Ledger articles.

Any other ideas, email Alicia.

Survey - Amanda and Jennifer will compile a survey to put in the Loudon Ledger of what the community would like to see offered and to advertise our need for volunteers as a committee. Please help Amanda and Jennifer out by forwarding your survey questions to them.

Alicia's submissions for the survey -

do you have a hobby or interest you would like to share with the community? do you have a specific age group you would like to do this with?

would you like to be called on once in awhile when the committee needs additional support?

are there specific days or times that you are able to support the committee?

are there specific groups or programming you would like to see?

As a member of the Recreation Committee, you need to be sworn in. Please see Jean Lee at the Selectman's office.

The next meeting will be March 28th 6:30 – 7:30.

Alicia Grimaldi, Chair
Loudon Recreation Committee