

## **Loudon Recreation Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2008**

**In attendance: Amanda Masse, Alicia Grimaldi, Jennifer Pfeifer, Christine Campbell, Kim Therrien.**

**Meeting began at 6:30pm at the Maxfield Public Library.**

**Review of the Summer Swim Program, which was another huge success this year. There were two two-week sessions and 74 children participated.**

**Review of Summer Tennis Lessons, which was successful having 6 children participate. It was discussed how to get more children involved in this program. Perhaps a ride share would be helpful. It was suggested to make note on forms going home to parents if they would be interested in ride sharing.**

**Alicia reported that Dave Rice will be finding more bids in the spring to repair tennis courts. One bid has been obtained, but it seemed rather high. The goal will be to have it repaired by end of spring next year.**

**Review of Community Summer Fun Nights, which was a huge success this year with approximately a total of 580 people turning out for the events. We were all pleased with this year's line of entertainment. The grand finale was local teen talent, which we would like to do again next year. It was suggested next year we hold try outs during the ice cream social for those who would like to participate in the talent show. We held three of our programs in the Legion due to rain. The Recreation Committee thanks Jim Dymont for all his assistance during our programming. It was determined the Recreation Department will provide a \$300 donation to the Legion for the use of the facility. The 39<sup>th</sup> Army band will also receive a donation in the amount of \$300 for the Chaplain's Relief Fund for their performance.**

**The Recreation Field Playground Equipment is due to arrive in mid-September. Jen Pfeiffer will contact Luxury Lamb to obtain instructions prior to delivery, so we can review what will be necessary to erect it. Alicia Grimaldi will contact Dave Rice to set a date during the last full week of September 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup>. We will put out a mass email for volunteers. The trees in the area will also need to be cut back and this will be discussed with Dave along with the need for playground bark mulch.**

**Reviewed expenses year to date. This report was created for the committee to monitor the budget more closely as the committee was unaware that funds made by the Recreation Committee went into the Town of Loudon's general fund. Due to this the committee looked closely at what programs will or will not be able to be offered for the remainder of the year. The committee will request to meet with the Selectman on September 9, 2008 to discuss financial possibilities for the Recreation Committee.**

**Reviewed the budget for the upcoming fiscal years programming to include library passes, Safe on My Own, Winter Carnival and Bike Safety, which we are slightly over on.**

**Alicia received information on ballroom dancing from Ann Wilson. She has been teaching 10 different ballroom dances for the last 6 years. The min class size is 4 students and largest 24. The cost is \$60 per person and the class would run 6 weeks. The committee agreed this would be wonderful to offer the singles and couples in the community. Kim Therrien and Amanda Masse will create a flyer. Alicia Grimaldi will contact Mrs. Muzzey at LES to secure the space.**

**It was determined that the ice rink is damaged and will not be put up this year. The committee would like to discuss with the Selectman regarding a ice rink/roller rink to be constructed in the future. This would be much less maintenance then the rink we have been using.**

**Reviewed offering Karate again through Body Works with Jeff Hardy. We will not offer it this Fall, but will revisit in the Spring offering beginning sessions only.**

**The Recreation Committee has chose to fund the Maxfield Public Library Passes due to the library's budget cut. The Committee feels this is a valuable program to offer the community. Amanda Masse explained all the passes, cost and when they would need to be renewed. Passes will still be picked up at the Maxfield Public Library by those interested. Passes include Canterbury Shaker Village, Christa McAullife Planetarium, Currier Museum of Art, Mt Kearsage Indian Museum, NH Historical Society – Museum of NH History, and Squam Lakes Science Center. The Committee did request seeing the data on how often the passes are signed out. A new pass for \$2.00 off admission at The Children's Museum of New Hampshire was discussed. The Committee did not feel this was worth pursuing at this time.**

**The Recreation Committee would like to hold Winter Carnival again this year. Also discussed was having activities available or a mechanism to inform the community of what is available during school vacations. Christine Campbell suggested a calendar with local events and happenings. Christine will look closer at this and bring it to the table at the next meeting.**

**The Recreation Committee will meet on September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Maxfield Public Library.**