

Loudon Recreation Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2008

In attendance: Amanda Masse, Alicia Grimaldi, Jennifer Pfeifer, Christine Campbell, Kim Therrien, Jessalyn Geerdes-Lakowicz.

Welcome to Kim and Jessalyn. Overview of the committee, what we do and budget were explained.

Aerobics will advertise in May Ledger, however we are no longer holding aerobics at the LES Gymnasium due to minimal participation. Amanda to note on website.

Christine Campbell looked into Walk NH Week, which is held on June 1-7. It is an event to get people of all ages walking. This would be a wonderful event to hold in the community, but impossible for this June. We will review at a later time for next years event planning.

Jeff Hardy, Body Works held one large youth karate class during April as there were not enough sign ups to fill both classes. Mr. Hardy is unable to provide summer sessions, so we will look at him returning to instruct in the Fall.

Amanda Masse has coordinated the Safe On My Own class through the American Red Cross. This will be held at LES on Friday, May 30th from 6-8pm in the old Art/Music Room. The class is for ages 8-11. Sixteen participants have signed up so far and Amanda is still taking registrations.

The 7th Annual Bicycle Safety Class sponsored by the Loudon Police Department and the Loudon Recreation Committee will be held May 10, 2008 at 9am at the Arthur W. Colby Safety Complex (Loudon Safety Building) Children will have their bikes checked, receive a helmet and proper fitting, safety instruction and bicycle registration. Also offered will be fingerprinting ID and DNA kits along with refreshments. Volunteers should arrive at 8:30am to check in with coordinator, Janice Morin.

Karen Geneveve, Swim NH will run swim classes, two – two week sessions during the weeks of 7/14-25th and 8/4-15th. Registration forms are available on line. Amanda spoke with Lisa Halterman who will be life guarding again at Clough Pond to inquire if she needed any supplies for the beach, such as goggles, kick boards, etc. At this time, she is interested in kick boards which we have under charlie's barn.

Alicia was contacted by Deb Lincoln of the Clough Pond Association. They are looking for lake host volunteers to help prevent the spread of invasive weeds particularly milfoil and other exotic weeds. Clough Pond is a well cared for Pond and we are fortunate to have such an active group, however volunteers 18 years and older are needed to work a few hours throughout the season to continue the care of our pond. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Shields,

ksbshields@gmail.com or 783-9552. The recreation committee distributed posters and submitted advertising to the local papers.

Alicia Grimaldi has coordinated with Bob Bean at the Loudon Country Club for Spring Golf Instruction. Instruction begins May 20th. Deadline for sign ups is May 11th. The schedule for instruction are Adults: ages 14 and up to meet on Thurs from 6:30-7:30pm / 1xweek for 5 weeks, Juniors: ages 8-13 to meet on Thursday from 5:15 – 6:15pm / 1xweek for 5 weeks, and Kids; ages 5-7 to meet on Tuesday from 5:15-6pm / 1x week for 5 weeks. Parents are requested to stay through session. Sign ups are slow this year. Alicia will send a reminder notice. We will also be working on summer lessons as well.

Alicia Grimaldi contacted David Mathes re. tennis programs for children and adults this summer. He is interested in teaching, but needs to get back to us with available dates. Tamara Chalifour and Kim Therrien are interested in assisting.

Christine Campbell researched bus programs through NH State Parks for summer programming. It is an expensive program, however we will review as the time gets closer to see if there are trips that may be of interest and are most cost effective considering the hike in gas prices, etc.

Christine Campbell is working on offering arts and crafts programming during the summer. It seems as though an evening program would be best. Places to consider offering the program are Charlie's Barn, the library, gazebo, or the Legion meeting. Kim Therrien offered to assist with preparation of materials.

Laurie Jaquith has sent out flyers of interest for a Jump Rope Group in July. There has been several responses of interest. The cost of the program will be \$10 which will include a jump robe for each participant.

Christine Campbell has arranged for Children's Stage Adventures the week of July 7th-11th. The program will run from 10:30am to 5pm. Morning care will be provided for those who need it. The cost of the program is \$75 and additional \$50 for child care. We will house the instructors at the Red Roof Inn. Meals will be discussed with them and is to be decided upon. The LES gym and art room have been secured for this week. The final performance will be advertised free of charge to the Loudon Community and will be held Friday evening. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for the youth actors of Loudon grades K-12. Max number of children is 60 participants.

Christine Campbell connected with Pittsfield Organizer of a sports equipment exchange. The organizer takes all equipment donated and cleans it up and stores it. People can go and donate items and are provided with a voucher. They can turn this voucher in for other items they need. This sounds like a wonderful program perhaps coordinated efforts with recreation and lyaa could make this happen. The

biggest issue is where to house items. Alicia to talk with Melody Broider re. the idea. Jenn Peffier will look at storing options.

Summer programming for Community Summer Fun Nights is underway. The first event will be our ice cream social and field events. We will contact Kris Tripp to see if she would like to do face painting again. We have set up Mr Phil for July 30th and Wild Life Encounters for August 6th. All programs will be held on Wednesdays in July and August from 7-8pm. Jen Pfeiffer has recommends a band that plays a variety of music appropriate for all ages. Jen will check with them re. cost and availability. Christine Campbell has some ideas for local youth bands/ talents and will contact them to see if there is interest. Alicia to check with the Freeze Bros. and Army Band. Rain location for events has been secured with the Legion again this year.

Kim Therrien to consider organizing a sewing group perhaps in the fall or pre-holiday.

Kathy Fisher would be interested in holding a Creative Memories workshop.

Amanda Masse spoke with Nancy Hendi at the Maxfield Public Library. Due to funding cuts the library will no longer fund the passes to Canterbury Shaker Village, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Currier Museum of Art, Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum, NH historical Society – Museum of NH History, and Squam Lake Science Center. The Recreation Department has offered to pick up the cost of the passes and they will continue to be supplied by the Library.

A big thank you to Amanda Masse and Deb Kardeski for their amazing expertise advertising upcoming events in a spectacular way in the upcoming Ledger!

Our next meeting will be held on May 28th at 6:30pm at the Maxfield Public Library.
