

Loudon Recreation Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2008

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

Amanda provided an agenda for the meeting.

Jeff Hardy, Body Works will not be doing a summer karate program through the Recreation program, however if students participated in the Loudon youth recreation program they can receive a discount at Body Works in Concord.

Amanda Masse 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 and has 26 participants. A snack will be served.

The 7th Annual Bicycle Safety Class sponsored by the Loudon Police Department was a big success. We had many volunteers. Bike safety checks were provided, children received a helmet and proper fitting, safety instruction and bicycle registration. Also provided was fingerprinting ID, photos and DNA kits along with refreshments. Once again, Janice Morin; Loudon PD did a wonderful job coordinating this event. Feedback for next year – Ron Trot was there providing his contact info for bike repair. It would be great to have Ron attend this event next year. Also suggested was a bike swap. People could donate their old bikes. It was also suggested to contact bike shops who might be willing to donate items.

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. Registrations are going well. Prior to the end of school, Alicia will assess the need for an additional flyer to go out through the school.

Loudon Country Club for Spring Golf Instruction is underway. There was 30 participants in all registered. The adult and junior classes were full.

Summer golf sign ups will go out through the school. Registration forms will also be available online. 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. Jodi Doodi from the Country Club provided coupons for those participating in golf instruction. Alicia and Jen will get the coupons to those presently participating and for those who sign up for Summer sessions. This will provide a price break and incentive for those who have committed to taking classes. We also discussed putting out an instructional flyer as classes will be offered this

summer through the Country Club. It was determined that this is separate from the Recreation Department and the club will need to advertise independently.

Kim Therrien will be handling tennis registration for the Summer. The classes will be taught by Dave Mathes again this year at the Homer Labonte Memorial Tennis Courts at the Recreation Field. Classes will be held August 5, 8, 12, 14, 19, and 21. Those entering grades 6-8 are at 8:30am to 9:30am and those entering grades 3-5 are at 9:30am to 10:30am. The cost is \$60. Registrations can be obtained on the website, www.loudonnh.org

The committee also discussed benches and a backboard at the Tennis Court. Alicia will provide contact info for Homer Labonte's daughter, Kathy Labonte to ask her thoughts. It would be great to have a community group take on building benches as a project. We also discussed who may be interested in building a backboard. The group will also look at catalogs to bring ideas to the next meeting for possible bench ideas.

The committee talked about getting some picnic tables for the recreation field. The committee will bring some suggestions to the next meeting.

Concerns were voiced about the playground equipment being in poor condition at the Recreation Field. The committee will look at options and discuss at the next meeting. We will also contact LYAA for their thoughts.

Christine Campbell has coordinated the Summer Theater Program through Children's Stage Adventures, Inc. Registration forms have gone out through the school and additional forms can be found on the town website. The camp will run 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. 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. Materials will be needed for this event, such as snacks, supplies, etc. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Christine Campbell researched bus programs through NH State Parks for summer programming. Christine has looked into a few options for this, but it will need to be tabled for future as there is quite a bit to organizing this type of event. Those present discussed many great destinations and are excited about the possibilities of offering trips in the future. More research will be needed from other towns who offer this type of event and more help will be needed in organizing trips.

Laurie Jaquith has sent out flyers of interest for a Jump Rope Group – July 1- 31st on Tuesday and Thursday from 6-6:45pm for those entering grades 1-6. The cost is

\$10 per child, which will include a jump rope for each participant and instruction. Registration forms can be obtained on the town website. Laurie was unable to attend the meeting, however Alicia spoke with her prior to the meeting. Alicia provided her with the waiver we use for other events and she will adjust accordingly. Laurie is looking into jump ropes to purchase. The group will meet at the recreation field, preferably the parking lot. Alicia and Laurie discussed blocking off the parking lot for the time allotted for the activity. Alicia will contact LYAA to see if there are other programs being held at that time.

The future of the ice rink was discussed. The committee would like to explore options for a rink, which would be able to be used year round – ice skating in the winter and rollerblading in the summer. We discussed exploring our options and addressing at future meetings.

Christine Campbell connected with Pittsfield Organizer of a sports equipment exchange where people bring used sports equipment (skates, tennis racquets, cleats, shoes, protective padding, bats, gloves, etc...) to trade. Christine has started gathering equipment. Alicia will meet to discuss with LYAA to see if they would like to assist in this exchange. Jenn Pfeiffer to check with Dave Rice regarding storage space in the shed for donated equipments.

Summer programming for Community Summer Fun Nights is underway. The first event will be our ice cream social and field events. Kris Tripp will again provide face painting this year. July 16th is the Mark Brodeur Band, July 23rd is the Freeze Bros. Band. We have set up Mr. Phil for July 30th and Wild Life Encounters for August 6th. The Army band will play on August 13th and on August 20th will be Loudon Teen Talent. All programs will be held on Wednesdays in July and August from 7-8pm. Rain location for events has been secured with the Legion again this year. We will have contracts finalized by the next meeting and will schedule volunteers and supplies for each night. Amanda will make changes to the draft “announcement” that will go out to students as well as the website, around town and in the Loudon Ledger. She will email it to everyone and possibly get someone to jazz it up with some graphics. Christine got verbal interest from the three of four student groups discussed previously for the local teen talent. Christine will contact each student/group and get a verbal confirmation and amount for payment. Amanda will draw up contracts for each performer and get them out for review. Alicia received an email from Leo and Virginia Bernier who are interested in helping out at the Summer Fun night events.

Alicia also received an email from Kristin Locke who is interested in volunteering. She would be glad to help with informational flyers, distribution, registrations, etc.

Crafts at Community Fun Nights were discussed. Christine Campbell put together a proposal for crafts during the community fun nights. Those present reviewed the proposal and made a few changes. We discussed having crafts at five of the evenings but not during Mr. Phil and Wildlife Encounters. Christine will update

the proposal and get it out to everyone. Those present approved the craft projects discussed. Alicia will check with the Legion to secure tables and chairs for the events.

Kim Therrien discussed possibilities for sewing projects or offering a rotating schedule of various crafts/projects that people can sign up for. Those present discussed these great ideas in length. Kim will work on more ideas and get a proposal together in the future.

Library passes - Amanda Masse discussed the passes (which include: Canterbury Shaker Village, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Currier Museum of Art, Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum, NH Historical Society/Museum of NH History, Squam Lake Science Center.) Previously the Maxfield Public Library paid for these “family passes,” which enabled a family from Loudon to attend at little to no cost. At previous meetings members discussed and approved paying for these passes as it is a great service for the community. The approximate cost for a year is \$900. None of the passes expired yet and due to the time we would re-discuss at the next meeting. She will speak with Mrs. Hendy and get the detailed information so that the Recreation Committee can sponsor these family passes for townspeople to utilize. They will continue to be scheduled and “borrowed” through the library.

The library has given the committee an information sheet on a gentleman who provides an interactive educational program on kindness and respect, sustainable living, healthy choices, and appreciation for our natural environment. Those present discussed this and the information will be collected and taken into consideration in the future.

Our next meeting will be held on June 17th at 6:30pm at the Maxfield Public Library.
