

Minutes
Alton Parks and Recreation Commission
January 23, 2013
A.V.A.S. Building, 6:30pm

Members Present: Cathy Burke, William Lionetta and Steve Renner

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

Approval of Agenda

S. Renner made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed.

Approval of Minutes

C. Burke made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2012 as presented; motion was seconded by W. Lionetta and passed.

Old Business

Basketball- The Commission discussed the experience of the officials at the league basketball games and the importance of officials being consistent at each host facility. It was noted that the program is instructional and officials should also be explaining the calls. The Commission discussed concerning behavior of another town's coach and fans and adding more staff to supervise people during the end of the games. A request to move a player from one team to another was discussed and the Commission voted to not move the player as it would disrupt the other team and a part of team sports is learning to work with people on your own team. K. Troendle will notify the parent of the decision. The Commission discussed at the 3-6 grade level drafting players onto teams after the first practice to help make teams even by ability. The Commission discussed the issue of equal playing time and that coaches are doing their best to have all players play an equal amount of time. It was noted some players do not want to play or other issues come into affect that may not be known to the observers. The Commission noted the purpose of the basketball program is to develop fundamental skills.

New Business

Winter Carnival- The Commission reviewed the events planned for Winter Carnival to include the Great Alton Bay Bed Race and Photo Scavenger Hunt. Meredith Village Savings Bank is sponsoring the Bed Race and is providing a \$100 cash prize for first place and a \$75 cash prize to the best themed bed. All pre-registered racers will receive a prize. There are two beds signed up now. Meredith Village Savings Bank will also provide 3 volunteers to help with the events. Parks and Recreation will provide a DJ from 1-3pm. The Commission discussed the Photo Scavenger hunt and rules would be the first team back with the most correct answers would win. Items for the scavenger hunt will be specific.

Face Book- The Commission discussed posting information on Face Book to include pictures. It was noted the frequency and length of the posts are important.

LWCF Grant- LWCF Grant money is available through the State of NH. The Commission discussed project ideas to include: Improvements to Little Fenway as proposed by the AYL; Fitness Trail; A link to the “Mid-State Trail”; Recreation Center.

Summer Programs- The Director reported that the focus of the summer programs/events is to “Build the Citizen of Tomorrow”. Members were asked to offer suggestions for programs they would like to see in 2013.

Adjournment

S. Renner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm; motion was seconded by C. Burke and passed. **The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 6:30pm at AVAS.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional
Parks and Recreation Director*

APPROVED