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RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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Commission Members Present: Kevin Turner, Chair, Joe O'Brien, Vice Chair, Renee Dowling, Richard Sawyer, Kathy Pina and Rene King

Also Present: Debra Dagwan, Town Council Liaison, Patti Machado, Director Leisure Services, and Joe Izzo, General Manager HYCC

The meeting was called to order at 5:30, all commissioners present introduced themselves.

Public Comment – None

Last Day of Camp Letter, Gabby Giammasi – Gabby was given an assignment in her English class to write a memoir. She wrote about her six years in the Leisure Program regarding how much she enjoyed it and will miss the program. Gabby read her memoir and the Commission thanked her.

Award of Appreciation, Kim Giammasi – The Commission and Patti Machado presented Kim with the award in recognition of finding and returning a surf chair that had gone missing. Pictures were taken and a warm round of applause was given after the presentation.

Barnstable Youth Basketball Review, Ryan Birch, President – Ryan stated took over as president last year, state of the program is pretty good. This season we have 123 players - 81 boys, 42 girls. Cost is \$275 a child. We offer scholarships if cost is prohibitive. We are an all-volunteer program. Commission asked if lack of space was an issue, Ryan Birch stated not an issue; the cost of the facilities is more of a problem.

Further Discussion of Three Unexcused Absences from the Recreation Commission – Kevin Turner stated at our last meeting we decided that after three unexcused absences without notification member would be put on probation by the chair; further discussion and do we want to add to it. Rene King suggested if a long term conflict let the member retire until conflict is over. Kevin stated need to check on quorum requirements and if a leave of absence can be given. Richard Sawyer stated should they leave they should have to reapply. Renee Dowling stated approval takes time. Richard Sawyer stated we are talking about unexcused absences not excused. Discussion followed with suggestion of alternates and lowering the age of commissioners. Debra Dagwan stated believe the age is 18 presently and like the idea of alternates. Please keep in mind that these are volunteer positions and to be respectful of people's time. Patti Machado stated these changes would require a charter change and would need to be done through the Town Council.

HYCC Staff Report, Joe Izzo – Handout (Exhibit A)

FEBRUARY OUTLOOK

- High School Winter Sports Season Continues
- Hockey (BHS Boys & Girls, StJP Boys, Mashpee/Monomoy Boys)
- Basketball (Sturgis East Boys & Girls, Sturgis West Boys & Girls, StJP Boys & Girls)
- Youth Hockey Programs are in full swing
- Barnstable Youth Hockey Association (BYHA)
- New England Junior Hockey (NEJH)
- Hockey Tournaments
- Both Barnstable Youth Hockey (2/17-2/19) and New England Junior Hurricanes (2/24-2/26) will host hockey tournaments in February.
- BHS Boys Hockey “Melchiono Showdown” Tournament” (2/22-2/23)
- Skate for Love – Canned food drive (during school vacation week 2/20-2/25)

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- High School Winter Sports Season continues
- Hockey Games and Practice
- Basketball Games and Practice
- Youth Hockey Programs are just past the midway point
- Barnstable Youth Hockey Association (BYHA)
- New England Junior Hockey (NEJH)
- Cape Cod Penguins
- Shea’s No Limit Basketball League (*games on Saturdays and Sundays*)
- Blacklight Zumbathon – Friday, January 6th
- Women’s Basketball League Season is in full swing (*practice & games Sunday mornings*).

FACILITY OPERATIONS

- The Town of Barnstable DPW Structures and Grounds Division has taken over the maintenance of the HYCC (which includes facility maintenance, custodial and Zamboni operations). They have been doing an excellent job and I am grateful for all that they have been doing in and around the facility.

YOUTH HOCKEY AND PRO SHOP CHANGES

- Total Athletics of Cape Cod has purchased the Cape Cod Penguins Youth Hockey Program and the New England Junior Hurricanes Youth Hockey Program. The sale of the New England Junior Hurricanes also included the HYCC Pro Shop lease (the lease for the Pro Shop expires on March 31, 2018). I am excited for the opportunities that these changes will provide for the HYCC and for the Town of Barnstable.

- <http://www.barnstablepatriot.com/news/20170127/partnership>

Staff Report, Patti Machado – Handout (Exhibit B)

A. Recreation Programs

- a. Winter Participation Number & Comparisons (see attached)
- b. Special Olympics Bowling
- c. Trip to watch U-Conn – 82 people attended *Patti stated Molly spoke to everyone after the game, great trip.*
- d. Spring and Summer Leisure Program Registration
 1. Spring Programs – February 28th
 2. Leisure Program – March 21st
 - ii. Flyer out to schools by next Friday – On Website

B. Aquatics

- a. Christians Law - updates and hearing
 - i. January 27th - Testimony

C. Facilities

- a. Osterville Bay Fields/Buildings *Patti stated have RFP's out, discussion on holding the Rec building for a while, groups still using, want to have a plan to build something before removing.*
- b. Field Study
- c. Lombard Meeting *work should be starting this spring*
- d. Craigville Bath House, *almost complete, changing rooms will be outside*
- e. JFK Memorial, *public meeting soon*
- f. Kalmus Parking Lot, *May*

D. Administration

- a. Mass Recreation & Parks Association Conference
 - i. Held at DCU Center – March 13th – March 15th
Presenting: Michelle Davies – “Walking in my Shoes – Sensitivity Awareness Workshop”
Myself- Aquatic Staffing: Manuals, Orientations & In-Service Training

E. Youth Commission – Carrie Osborn

- a. Community Prevention Forum – March 16th, CCCC 5:30pm *Carrie stated we have Chris Herron coming to share his story of how drug addiction impacted his life. Richard Sawyer asked how many showed last year. Carrie replied 100-150 and we are hoping for a larger turnout this year.*
- b. Youth Job Fair – Ready Set Work – April 12th HYCC 2:30pm-5

Kevin Turner stated is the Job Fair Cape wide, Carrie stated yes and this fair will help them prepare for an interview and learn the job process.

Liaison's Report – Richard Sawyer stated surprised to see on the CPC agenda a letter of intent for \$300,000 for the Harbor Hawks do we have them on our agenda anytime soon? Kevin Turner stated no, but we can invite them. Richard stated went to the Land Acquisition meeting where we completed a survey and we added a lot of Recreation items, had really good input on that. Joe O'Brien stated field study process is starting, eight members on the committee and we all were sent five proposals from companies that had bid the project. Met February 1st, pared the list down to three to bring in for

interviews, 9am-noon this Thursday and hopefully will make our decision, moving in the right direction.

Matter’s Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair – None

New Business – Agenda items for March - Barnstable Little League, Cotuit Kettleers and Bill Dado, Barnstable Pickleball.

Motion made by Richard Sawyer to adjourn Joe O'Brien second; **Vote - All in Favor.**

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Board, Committee, or Commission Name		RECREATION COMMISSION				
Date Rec'd	Material Dated	Meeting Date	From	To	Subject	Exhibit
2/6/17	2/6/17	2/6/17	Joe Izzo	RC	Staff Report	A
2/6/17	2/6/17	2/6/17	Patti Machado	RC	Staff Report	B

**Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 On-Demand at <http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us>

Respectfully submitted by **Michele Arigo**, Recreation Division