

## Meeting Minutes- April 8, 2015

In attendance: Steve Zmijewski, Donna Faulkenberry, Rich O'Brien, Andrew Zaborney, Dan Auciello; Jim Curnal; Chris Hill

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING:** Rich O'Brien asked to waive the reading of the March minutes. S'woodstock Meeting is / was corrected for April 14th. Donna made a motion to accept. Steve seconded. All in favor.

### **COMPLETED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:**

- Easter Egg Hunt - Donna noted, also Diane, that this was the biggest crowd we ever had.
  - Donna suggested lines of demarcation for the bunny pictures.
  - Perimeter lines for the parents as to where to stand.
  - Need more people to help for crowd control
  - Andrew suggested to have a rope where the lines started for the children
  - Suggestion to split Ages 4 -5 from 6-7.
  - Diane sent in a note: need more help; recruit high school students; pictures looked great on the website
  
- Skating Rink-
  - Diane notes that it's difficult to run with the DPW due to their other priorities in the winter
  - This year there was no one to clear it, clean it and Zamboni it
  - Possibly not run it next year or give responsibility solely to DPW
  - Steve made mention the rink is still up as of today
  - Dan suggested not to run the rink next year
  - Donna view is that the book promotes the rink, but it's not open when it should be
  - Jim thinks that there is a confusion of when it is open and such
  - Andrew mentioned to make a "Skate Event" once during the winter
  - Chris asked what made the rink unskateable – weather and lack of DPW assistance
  - Chris asked if DPW does actually know how to keep the rink in shape
  - Jim brought up the idea to keep the rink open only on the weekends. That gives DPW time to operate it. Decision was made to table the topic and discuss during the summer meeting.
  
- Indoor Soccer –
  - Steve said it was all done.
  - Letters were sent to one parent offering an apology for a minor issue.
  - Parents seemed to have enjoyed the season and program.
  - Friday night parents were pleased and filled the stands
  
- Rutgers Class - Held on March 14
  - Rich had 10 participants on a Saturday
  - September will be the next class

- **Kids Yoga** – very successful program
  - Parents were pleased and asked for more
  - Coryna is looking at her schedule for possible fall offering of this program.
  
- **Adult Yoga** –
  - Extended for one week due to snow cancellation.
  - We will reach out to Coryna during the summer and ask if she wants to run it again

**STATUS OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS:**

- **Adult Volleyball-**
  - Chuck approached REC for the outdoor permit. It is being secured.
  - Reg Adult Wed Volleyball going well.
  
- **Floor Hockey-**
  - Chris reported no problems
  
- **LEGO Movie Night** –
  - Donna – messaged to elementary schools / middle school
  - Lego kit to raffle off
  - Dance Studio business offered a free month tuition to raffle off
  - Rich has cases of water / juice boxes
  - 5:30pm / movie at 6:00pm on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Flag Football** – Opening Day April 13, 2015
  - 150 kids in the program
  - Jim setting up the fields at 8:00am
  - There are two week when the program will run at different locations (Inland field and the High School)
  
- **T-Ball** – Opening Day April 11, 2015
  - Has 9 coaches.
  - 49 children playing
  - Rich may jump in to help coach.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- **Website Update:** We are live on the new site.
  - Donna stated Kaye was / is very patient with all the issues to launch.
  - Tuesday site went live
  - Posted and messaged all over
  - School eblast wasn't a live link
  - Another email will be sent out
  - Changed email to comport with our branding to [SpotswoodREC@yahoo.com](mailto:SpotswoodREC@yahoo.com)
  - Rich asked about Kaye's arrangement with the Borough –
    - Rich suggested to give her a gift for all her support and assistance
    - Rich **asked** the group – all agreed to give her something
  
- **REC Photographer –**
  - A stipend can be given to Jacob
  - There is no set number right now
  - Lump sum payment – approx. 15 events per year
  - Vote was taken with Steve motioned and Donna seconded to pay Jacob \$40 per event, All were in favor.
  
- **S'woodstock 2015 –**
  - Dan updated the group that there will be a Car Show
  - Donna stated that there's a few returning bands from last year
  - 5 Bands this year will be the most we accommodate.
  - Shortened timing – 2pm – 6pm with bands; Car Show 2pm -5pm
  - Academy Music will be sponsoring again – they will have a 1/2 hr set
  - Bounce house will return
  - 12ft sign announcing the event on the complex
  - June 6 / Rain Date June 7
  - Flyers – Dan needs a few hundred to have printed and handed to Joe Primiano to distribute.
  - There is a concern if there are too many cars that show up. We only have 50 spots to use.
  - Next meeting will be Tuesday April 14 7:30pm
  
- **CPR Class –**
  - Steve has been playing phone tag with Steve Lynn
  - Chris mentioned that Steve is very good. \$30 is a fair price for the certification class.
  - Paul Wasserman is coordinating with Steve.
  - Certificate is good for two years with CPR / AED

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Jeff Bowers – Fishing Derby Saturday May 23, Saturday 8:am – 10:00am**
  - On the website a parent contacted REC and asked to change the age for 3 – 14 yrs
  - Chris brought up the point to have a 12 and up group. Jeff mentioned those over 14 would need a fishing permit.
  - Dan asked it is REC responsibility to check for permits.
  - Rich asked to change the ages from 3 – 14 for 2015. A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Dan , All were in favor.
  - Jeff / Diane will buy all the prizes and organize the prizes
  - Jeff needs a table
  - Rich asked for messaging timing, Donna said early May. (May 1)
  - Jeff suggested going to Dick’s Sporting Good for the material / prizes
- **Treasure Hunt:** Paul not here to discuss
  - Steve had a copy of the proposed scavenger hunt event
  - Team concept
  - Tables around town and have REC man the tables
  - Team would have to get items from different places
  - There would have to be a stamp / proof
  - Different businesses will participate
  - Rich asked – how do you police this?
  - Businesses would have to buy in
  - September when it’s cooler? Rich mentioned 5K Race is then.
  - No decision was reached and the discussion will continue.
- **Coach Cammarano – Youth Football Camp in the Summer**
  - Coach Cam approached REC and asked if we would assist him in hosting a football camp from June 22 – June 26 on the varsity field
  - Cam would supply the knowledge, the staff, the facility
  - REC would supply messaging, logistical support
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders to sign up for the camp
  - Rich asked if REC is interested in participating
  - Steve mentioned the registration system would have to be set up
  - The \$ would go back into the football program
  - Jim asked to meet with Andy Cammarano. Rich will invite Coach Camm for the next REC meeting
  - All were in favor to continue the discussion / meeting with Camm

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich at 8:34 p.m. All were in favor.