

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2011

5:15pm, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Ray Andresen (chair), Beth Ward, David Olivas, Ed Libby, Jeff Kuller, Sharon Gilbert, Martin Cates (Select Board liaison) **Guest:** Charlie Pearson

Ray opened the meeting at 5:20pm

Committee Reports

RMRA Redevelopment: Tabled for next meeting

US National Toboggan Championships™: Ray reported that the committee scheduled media day for January 28th. The sponsorships are the best ever. Anyone interested in volunteering contact Sharon. Ray commended Sharon on her hard work and dedication to the event. THANKS SHARON!

Guest Discussion:

The committee was presented with a conflict of interest issue at the Snow Bowl. After considerable discussion, and a review of the Town's policy on conflict of interest, the committee agreed it had the potential to exist. Jeff was asked to check with the Town Manager, and Attorney if necessary, for further clarification of the policy and to see how it applied to this particular situation. He agreed to handle it at that point as necessary.

Motion was made to ask Jeff Kuller to look into the Town of Camden's Conflict of Interest Policy and take appropriate action regarding a Snow Bowl employee taking advantage of his position at the Snow Bowl, to promote his newly established personal business.

Motion was made by Sharon Gilbert, Seconded by Ed Libby and all voted in favor of motion. 4-0

Other Business:

Financial report: Jeff shared the good news that season pass sales and ticket sales were over budget and the ski hill was very busy. We are over \$50K ahead of last year's income at this point in the season. If the weather stays in our favor we expect a significant operating surplus at season's end. Some money will be placed in the reserve fund and remainder spent on repairs, maintenance and equipment.

Skiing operations are very busy and running smoothly. New snow would really help out.

Snow Bowl Survey: this form was being fine tuned. When skiers are standing in lift lines volunteers would be asking them to participate in the survey. They will have the forms on a clip board and the simple short survey would be filled out by the volunteer as he/she asked questions. It is also designed to be self administered in the lodge.

Skating rink at the amphitheatre will be open next week. The cold weather predicted for this weekend will help harden the ice. The parks & recreation department will have no maintenance responsibility at this location. This is totally run and maintained by volunteers of the library and Harbor Park Conservancy, however since it is on town property it is covered by town insurance.

Upcoming events. Every weekend for the remainder of the season there is an event at the Snow Bowl. See website for details.

Ed Libby suggested that this committee take a tour of all Parks & Recreation sites in town to check out their condition, make notes of maintenance required, and current situations at each location. Many members of this committee do not know where all sites are located. Committee members present were in favor of this tour. The committee agreed to organize something during the Spring and Summer. Jeff suggested the committee join the Conservation Commission on their annual fall tour of town properties.

David moved that the meeting be adjourned, Ray seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously at 6:45pm

Next Meeting: February 16th in the Tucker Room

Minutes recorded by Beth Ward and Sharon Gilbert