

Minutes

Woodstock Recreation Commission
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
6:00 PM Lower Level Room C

Present: Taff Tschamler, Molly Thienel, Laura Burke, Karen Fitzpatrick Recreation Director, Citizen Roger Solomon

Not Present: Bill Chaput, Lisa Reardon

1. Call to order – 6:05pm
Laura motioned to move up Citizens Comments to 1a, Taff seconded all were in favor.
Lisa Reardon joined the meeting at 6:07pm.
- 1a. Citizen's Comments – Roger Solomon purposed classes in Shintaido, with roots in Karate and Kendo it is a holistic system of body movements emphasizing cooperation, awareness and meditation. Classes would be 1 night a week for 8 weeks with Tuesdays being the most desirable at this time. This class is taught using a boh, a wooden staff. Price would be \$65 including materials (bohs). Karen will be looking for space for classes at WES and coordinating advertising. The Commission endorses this class as a positive program for the community.
2. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2010 – no minutes meeting cancelled.
3. Program Scholarships – The Commission discussed the need to have a formal policy for Scholarships in Recreation programs. At this time it is decided on a case by case assessment. A needs based form will be needed. Laura motioned that any requests for scholarships will have to be submitted stating need and will be reviewed by Commission. Taff seconded, all were in favor.
4. Recreation Director's Report – The Commission discussed Ski Club policies in regards to program participants driving up to the mountain on their own instead of taking the bus. The policy adopted in September 2010 states that this is not allowed. Further formalization of general policies are to be developed in reference to students in programs that are expelled from school. Any complications to participating in a Recreation program should be examined on a case by case situation by the Commission. Refunds to programs were also discussed. Two participants decided to withdraw. Our policies state that a prorated refund will be given if the seat can be filled with someone on the waiting list. There will be no refund for the Wachussette Mountain portion of the fee. At the time of meeting one seat has been filled.

5. Program Ideas – High School Student lessons in art, music, singing etc. is in development. We are looking to offer inexpensive programs that allow students from the Academy to give lessons in their area of experience while also participating in a community service. Karen has had initial discussion with Amanda Rice at Woodstock Academy and she is enthusiastic about the development of this program. She has advised any WA student interested in giving lessons must have three letters of recommendation from: teacher in subject area, Guidance/Advisor and one other adult non-immediate family member. They should also have a GPA of B+ or higher to participate. Karen and Laura will be working together to develop this program.
6. Adjournment – 7:50pm.