

Newport Recreation Department
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
2/29/16

Attendance: Larry Flint, Rick Cota, Kim Gaddes, Becky Merrow, Alex Whipple, Christy Whipple

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm.
- II. Minutes of November meeting; unavailable
- III. Introduction of New Members: Rick Cota and Alex Whipple. Rick's term is a 3 year term. Alex's student term expires in June, 2016.
- IV. New Business:
 - a. Discussion of board member availability. There are 3 open positions: 1 regular member, 1 alternate member, and 1 student member. Alex will put a notice on the high school notices for a sophomore or junior interested in joining the board. Interested students will reach out to Mrs. Helie, or the Recreation Department directly.
 - b. Upcoming Programs:
 - i. Granite State Games has taken the place of Hershey Track and Field. Two years ago Hershey dropped the track and field aspect. Newport Recreation, and many other participants in the Granite state worked to establish the Granite State Games to keep all of the track and field events open to youth (softball throw for example).
 - ii. Adult bootcamp spring sessions begin on March 7th. Participants can sign up for the 5 am, 12 noon, or 5:15 pm sessions which take place Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from March 7th to May 7th.
 - iii. Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Friday, March 25th.
 - iv. NRD is teaming with Sugar River Softball to host a father/daughter dance.
 - v. Sugar River Softball has taken the reins of the Sugar River Craft Race. This year's race will take place on May 14th.
 - vi. NRD is teaming with the Newport Montessori School to host the annual Sunshine 5K road race. This race will take place on Saturday, May 7th.
 - vii. PJ is working with Becky Bates on offering a Couch to 5K fitness program with the goal for participants to run in the Sunshine 5K on May 7th.
 - viii. Senior Morning Exercise runs Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 8 am.
 - ix. Kids Zone runs Monday and Friday from 10-12 noon.
 - x. Pickle Ball, followed by Table Tennis, takes place on Tuesday/Thursday beginning at 9 am.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Winter Carnival Review: Congratulations to the staff and volunteers of NRD for an outstanding 100th winter carnival. Very few things were cancelled due to the lack of significant snow and the frigid temps. People appreciated the indoor options at Towle to have an opportunity to get out of the cold on the Saturday of the parade. While the

mustache contest did not break the record previously set, it was the Town of Newport that set the unbroken record. So, Newport holds 1st and 2nd place!

- b. Winter Sports Review: Basketball season has concluded. It ended just a bit early to accommodate the full week of Winter Carnival events. Wrestling has wrapped up for the most part with a few post season events taking place in the month of March.
- c. Facility Committee Update: The Facilities Committee and the Friends of Newport Recreation held a joint meeting earlier in the month. There has been movement on two parcels of land: one on the same side of the road as the rec and one across the street from the health offices. The town is in negotiations with both land owners for both parcels. The Friends of Rec has started the large fundraising push for the new rec. It was proposed to hold another joint meeting, perhaps in April, with the Facilities Committee, the Friends of Newport Recreation, and the Newport Recreation Advisory Board. Larry will work on a Nickel Penalty as a fundraiser for volleyball folks who hit the beam and lose a point. This is in the planning stages.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 7:36.

Next meeting date: Monday, March 28, 2016

Respectfully submitted: Christy Whipple, Advisory Board Member