

**STRATHAM RECREATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2009**

**PRESENT**

**MEMBERS:** Tracy-Lynn Abbott, Eileen Bischoff, Claire Ellis, Caren Gallagher, Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm, Kevin Peck, Alison Pike and Recreation Director Tara Barker.

**GUESTS:** Nancy Pafford, Rich Middleton.

**OPENING**

The January 5, 2009 meeting of the Stratham Recreation Commission opened at 7:30 p.m.

**BASKETBALL**

Nancy Pafford presented an update on basketball. Due to the December weather delays the season is just really starting now. Gym space remains a major issue as there are 20 plus teams playing in one gym which means limited practice time. The members of the travel teams also are playing on the rec level teams. This seems to be working out well so far.

**BASEBALL**

The season calendar is pretty well set, some dates for tryouts still need to be finalized based on weather. Signups are starting for the winter ball program at PEA.

**MINUTES**

Kevin Peck motioned to accept the November 2008 minutes as amended. Seconded by Caren Gallagher. APPROVED.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- Nancy Downing is on board for the full day camp program. The camp will be more structured but will have an open period.
- The Stowe ski program will be cancelled due to insufficient interest.
- The feedback for the jump rope program shows that participants who have already been through the program would like to see more progression to higher levels instead of repeating what they have already done in a previous session.
- Tara Barker will send out a letter to the Baseball Board next week in response to their request for money for field maintenance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Recreation Department participation at the Stratham Fair was discussed. Some possibilities include the cow plop and selling ice cream. Further discussion will take place at the February meeting.
- Nancy Downing would like to provide more non summer programming such as after school and vacation week activities.

## **BUDGET**

- Tara Barker has proposed January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the presentation of the Recreation Department budget to the Budget Committee. She will confirm this date.
- Participant fees for soccer, softball and lacrosse still need to be added to the budget.
- A few formatting and typographical errors will be corrected on the budget copy.

## **NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Stratham Recreation Commission will be February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Tracy-Lynn Abbott motioned to adjourn the January meeting. Motion seconded by Claire Ellis. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.