

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
December 4, 2014
Minutes

Present: Vicki Severin, April Dipollina, Dan Steward, Thomas Dailey, Bev Jackson, Ron Rasi, Betsy Danforth, Shannon Aiello

Others Present: Liz Adams, Neil Cobleigh, Ernie Smith, Carin Mancini, Maryann Langdon, Debbie (staff)

1. Call to Order: 10:37 AM

2. Public Comments: None

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Approval of Minutes: Shannon motioned to accept the minutes of September 2014. Dan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Master Plan:

- Presentation was discussed, questions and feedback at November meeting
- Thomas reported that the budget was at 12 million; some recommendations should be made on a smaller scale
- A good first step would be to make the current office area more accessible with a future possibility of it becoming one of the Brown Cabins in a new plan
- April suggested that a committee be formed to look at priorities of the plan
- Vicki wondered what parts of the plan could be developed through fund raising
- Liz questioned what would be improved at the barn for the summer and wondered if there was a time line for what was needed to function for the upcoming summer
- Thomas suggested prioritizing areas of the plan
- Vicki wants to send a letter to pass holders to emphasize what Camp Harkness provides and represents; member meetings would be scheduled to discuss rules and emphasize in the Master Plan what the camp should be
- Thomas suggested that there be several meetings to look at the future of the camp
- Ernie said that he could not foresee changes at the barn without a proposal to the bond commission
- Ernie will meet with High Hopes staff and discuss their needs
- Vicki wants to send the letter to passholders at the end of next week with proposed meeting dates, possibly evenings or weekends in March, April and May
 - March 26th at 1pm
 - April 22nd at 6pm
 - May meeting would be in conjunction with Spring Clean Up. Carin suggested lunch with the meeting afterwards
- Bev offered to prepare the flyer which will be sent out to individual camps with registration packets
- Thomas will put together a Power Point list
- Ernie will have cost of bathroom for January meeting
- Carin suggested putting Master Plan on website

7. Bingham Beach

- Dan reported that the Town of Waterford now owns Bingham Beach and the right of way
- He plans to work with the State on purchase
- Maintenance of the beach will be continued by Town of Waterford; State maintains the rocky area
- Discussion about how area can be maintained without interference to campers
- Waterford wants to control access to the beach
- Thomas reported that a request has been made to the State property review board
- Dan would like to see a final transaction by the end of the year

8. Camp Harkness Fund

- Marian was absent
- Vicki reported that they have been working on accessing a trust fund donated by former SCAR/SECADD
- They have spoken to the nephew who agreed that the fund should go to the camp
- There is a question as to whether or not the donation was made before or after the agency ceased to exist; there is another possible recipient
- Ron said that a legal document would be needed

9. Old Business:

A. Camp Report

I. Camp Usage/ Events

- See attached
- Vicki reported that the Motor Cycle Run was not as successful as in the past; weather, meeting venue and less participation were factors
- Vicki requested that donations for gifts be dropped off by Monday

II. Physical Plant

- Ernie reported that the staff was busy renovating homes
- They are working on heating at Doncas Lodge
- UCP infirmary – working on bathrooms
 - replacement windows and doors
 - new front door, wider hallway, better access to the bathroom
 - second floor bathroom needs to be redone

10. New Business:

A. 2015 Meeting Dates

- April passed out lists of 2015 meeting dates; Dan motioned to approve. Bev seconded the motion. Proposed dates were approved.

B. Election of Officers

- April announced slate of officers for elections at January 22, 2015 meeting:
 - Stan Soby – President
 - April Dipollina – Vice President
 - Shannon Aiello – Secretary

11. Adjournment: 11:44PM; Bev motioned for adjournment. Betsy seconded. All in favor.

Next Meeting: January 22, 2015 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary