

Camp Harkness Advisory Committee
Camp Harkness Office
301 Great Neck Road
June 26, 2014
Minutes

Present: Vicki Severin, April Dipollina, Shannon Aiello, Jackson Pierre-Louis, Bev Jackson, Ron Rasi, Ginny Hogan

Others Present: Ernie Smith, Betsy Danforth, Liz Adams, Carin Mancini, Marian Brown, Denise Bevza

1. Call to Order: 10:43 AM

2. Public Comments: None

3. Additions to Agenda:

- a. Denise Bevza, a local lawyer, wishes to donate 2 horses to be of service
 - a conversation with Liz Adams from the High Hopes program will begin steps to get Denise involved as a volunteer
 - Liz expressed a big need for local horse handlers

- b. Questions were raised regarding service dogs after an incident in the park – refer to discussion in New Business

4. Approval of Minutes:

- No official minutes were approved due to a lack of quorum at last meeting
- May notes were reviewed

5. Correspondence:

- A camp site user continues to have questions regarding electrical provisions for CPAC devices

6. Camp Harkness Fund:

A. Monthly Report

i. Junk in Trunk

- Marian reported that the Junk in Trunk event did not raise a lot of funds but the exposure was great

ii. Summer Fest

- Bev inquired about the flyer for Summer Fest – it will be on the DDS website
- Carin will send the flyer electronically to agencies
- Anyone interested in becoming part of the Summer Fest committee should arrange a meeting schedule with Marian and Vicki
- Summer Fest will be July 26, 2014

iii. Other

- An additional campership is available for an individual in need
- There is less funding from Kelsey Harrington Foundation, funding limited
- Issue of how to connect with families in need
- Vicki expressed a need to develop an application
- All camps have an application on their form except the ARC

7. Old Business:

A. Feasibility Study for Master Plan – no report

B. Camp Report

i. Physical Plant

- Brown cabins are completed
- Bev shared concerns about lip in shower stalls – Ernie will look into wedged rubber mat to resolve the problem
- Cabinets will be put in
- Fire pit and walk ways complete
- Bev wanted to know about placement of bench
- Sand has been placed in barn and work is complete
- Volley ball net was moved behind Grace Curtis Pavilion – intermittent levels will accommodate wheel chairs
- Benches, planters – Gateway donation arrived

ii. Camp Usage/Events

- See attached
- Vicki reported that all camps have started
- High Hopes riding program began this week

iii. Equestrian Program

- Liz reported that the riding program is off to a good start
- Oak Hill campers were first to start the program
- Training for ARC staff will begin this afternoon
- Monday afternoons will be reserved for local riders from Old Lyme area
- Support from Marian has made it possible to include a large group from New London
- Volunteer training is active
- Ernie's staff continues to work on site – excellent improvements have been made
- Karen has time to put systems in place to maximize the resources of High Hopes for the program
- 2 smaller horses are here to meet program needs
- Equine learning program will be available at the beach – curriculum is geared to character development

iv. Internet Cafe

- No information
- Carin will contact new IT person

C. Appointments/ Reappointments

- April will contact Stan regarding appointments

8. New Business:

- An incident with a dog in the park resulted in an ADA complaint
- Carin passed out the proposed change to Rule 4 for review – see attached
- Jackson motioned to accept the change, Ginny seconded, all approved; Motion was passed
- Jackson motioned for swimming to be restricted to roped area; Bev seconded, all approved; Motion was passed
- Ron reported that the end of the month CCAD will no longer exist. He is involved on the Board of Developmental Disabilities Associates, another agency which might provide funding
- Concerns were raised as to how Ron will continue his role on the committee – the discussion was tabled until Ron was able to have a conversation with Stan
- Ron wants to continue his involvement with Camp Harkness and continue funding support

9. Adjournment: 12:00PM

Next Meeting: July 24, 2014 at Camp Harkness

Respectfully submitted by: Shannon Aiello, Secretary