

Approved 1/24/06
HAMPDEN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.

Attendance: Chris McDonald, Huck House, and Michael D'Agostino. Larry Forrest arrived at 8:00pm. Also in attendance were Bob White and Kevin Hinkamper.

Minutes: The minutes from December 13, 2005 were read. Huck made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mike seconded. All in favor 3-0.

St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser: RAH will be holding a fundraiser on March 17, 2006 at the Hampden Country Club from 6:30-11:30pm. Bob White explained that tickets are being sold for \$50/couple or \$30/single. There will be food, a DJ and a raffle. Sponsorships are also being sold for \$50. The sponsors' names will appear on a centerpiece on each table, on a sign outside and in an article in the Hampden-Wilbraham Times which will be done by Rick Rubin. Bob said they have had a good response so far. He is looking for help in selling tickets, getting more sponsors and donations of raffle prizes. RAH is hoping to sell 200 tickets. RAH will be offering a scholarship of \$250 each to one girl and one boy from Hampden who is a junior or senior. RAH hopes to grant these scholarships on a yearly basis.

Soccer: The Board has received a request that a Kindergartener be placed on a 1st & 2nd grade team (EL league). The Board has reviewed the soccer numbers and has made the decision that the numbers are not conducive to moving a player up. The 5th grade girls will not have a team. Two have signed up. Their checks will be returned and they will be referred to WSC. Larry will call Lou at PVJSL to see if we will have the 8v8 on a modified field.

Baseball: Huck attended a meeting to discuss the baseball and softball season with John Flynn, CW Zimmer, Bob White and Rick Willis. CW drew up a recap of that meeting which was discussed. Further discussion was tabled for another meeting which John and CW could attend for a more detailed explanation of the new age cut-off rule for tri-town teams. Huck made a motion to table the baseball and softball discussion to the next meeting or to a convenient time for all. Michael seconded. All in favor 3-0.

Baseball Evaluation Results: Bob White added in the names and birthdates of the players in 3rd & 4th grade and 5th & 6th grade who were evaluated. The Board feels that they need to get a better understanding of the new age cut-off rule for tri-town before the teams are set. A special meeting will be arranged with John Flynn and CW Zimmer to discuss this. Deb will call John to arrange a convenient date for all.

Red Sox Trips: Huck has called Peter Pan to inquire about tickets for two games this season. Linda from Peter pan said that the schedule will be out in mid-January and that the Hampden Parks & Recreation Department was on her list of people to contact. She will be calling Huck to offer game soon. Huck will try to get one Red Sox vs. Yankees game and one other.

Movie Nights: Three nights have been picked to hold movie nights. They are: February 11, March 18 and April 1. The movies to be shown have not been selected yet.

Old Business: Larry drew up a letter to be mailed to the families and coaches involved in the baseball situation of last season. Michael will do some editing before it is mailed.

New Business: Michael handed in his letter of resignation effective two weeks from January 10, 2006. A copy will go to the Selectmen.

Huck made a motion to adjourn at 9:15pm. Larry seconded.
All in favor 4-0.

Next Meeting January 24, 2006 at 7:00pm