

**Town of Seven Devils
Parks and Recreation Committee
Minutes—Regular Session
October 15, 2020**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on October 15, 2020. Members present were Bob Bridges, Ed Beck, Faye Brock, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Lee Metzger, and Martha Stearns.

Larry Fontaine, Brad Lambert, Jewel McKinney, and Debbie Powers also attended.

Ann Fontaine called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the March 12, 2020, meeting. Bob Bridges made a motion to approve them. Faye Brock seconded the motion, and it passed.

Old Business

Jewel McKinney presented the Summer Activity Recap. Many of the planned summer events had to be cancelled because of restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, some of the activities continued under the COVID-19 guidelines. There were 4 group hikes with attendance of 5 to 11. The book club met 4 times with attendance ranging from 4 to 8. There were 3 Ranger Workshops with attendance being 8 and 9 and 0. There were sixteen pickleball games with attendance from 5 to 19. Some of the pickleball games were cancelled because of inclement weather. Three pickleball clinics were held, with attendance between 4 and 6. Exercise for Mature Ladies met 55 times, and attendance ranged from 4 to 11. On the two days when attendance was 11, exercise took place in two separate rooms. Dance Aerobics met twice on Saturdays with attendance of 3 and 4. Most Wednesday bi-weekly Dance Aerobics classes were cancelled because of rain. Attendance for the 3 that occurred was only 2, and no aerobics occurred. Five people attended the CPR class.

Bob Bridges commented that attendance at Ranger Workshops and the CPR class was disappointing. He suggested that next year notices about activities might be sent out weekly so people would have a fresh reminder about activities to be held that week.

Lee Metzger said that Fred and Helen Dorman, who can see the tennis courts from their condo, have done an informal survey about use of the tennis courts. They reported that the courts are used much more for pickleball than for tennis. Lee will offer pickleball clinics again next year.

Kay Lambert suggested that it would be helpful to give information about activities to rental companies so they could inform renters. Ed Beck suggested making signs about activities more specific and posting a schedule of events at Otter Falls.

Kay Lambert thanked Jewel for the report and for keeping the book exchange open. Debbie Powers also thanked Jewel.

Jewel McKinney gave us an update on the Old Town Hall remodel. When the carpet was pulled up, it was discovered that moisture had caused mold and rotten boards. A new girder and new floor joists were installed. The floor under the future exercise room was reinforced. A new subfloor and flooring have been installed. A new bookshelf was built and has been placed in the book exchange. A new security system is being installed. To prevent future moisture problems, the soil was covered with plastic, and a dehumidifier was placed in the crawl space.

Projects yet to be finished include painting, replacing the front door, ceiling fans, and completing the security system. Exercise equipment will be leased. An opening date has not been determined. Anne Fontaine said that TDA had expected to find some issues, and their expectations were met. Everything that needed repairing has been repaired. Bob Bridges thanked TDA for funding the Old Town Hall remodeling.

New Business

Anne Fontaine reminded members whose terms are expiring to fill out new applications. The deadline for turning in applications is October 31.

Because of COVID-19, there will be no Lite the Nite dinner this year. The lights will be installed and turned on. There will be a drive-by event on December 4 to donate food items for Feeding Avery Families. Seven Devils mementoes may be given to participants. Food donations may be made during book exchange hours during the week of November 30-December 4. People who are out of town may send checks.

Our next meeting will be January 14, 2021.

Bob Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Kay Lambert seconded Bob's motion, and it passed.

Submitted by

Martha Stearns, Secretary