

**Town of Seven Devils  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes—Special Session—“The Hawk”  
August 16, 2018**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:30 a.m. in Town Hall on August 16, 2018. Members present were Ed Beck, Bob Bridges, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Martha Stearns, and Skip Watts. Debbie Powers, Larry Fontaine, and Donna Valery were also present.

Kay Lambert made a motion to accept the agenda for today’s meeting and the minutes from the July 12, 2018, special session meeting. Bob Bridges seconded the motion, and the agenda and the minutes were approved.

Ed Beck reported that race registration includes 21 runners, 6 walkers, and 11 phantom Hawks. Receipts so far include \$880 in registrations, \$305 in donations, and \$750 from sponsors.

Anne Fontaine reported that she has had some responses to her email asking for volunteers for The Hawk. We will call people who volunteered last year to see if they will volunteer during The Hawk this year. Anne will send an email to potential Phantom Hawks reminding them about the September 1 deadline to be guaranteed a race shirt.

Racing Toes has decided to use a different vendor for the race shirts, and the new shirts should be truer to size. The race logo art work is done, and race sponsors will be listed under the logo. Skip Watts will order 36 racing hats. Twenty-six of these will be given to race winners, and ten will be sold for \$15.00 each. Thirty-six ball hats will also be sold for \$15.00 each.

Donna Valery and Ed Beck have put flyers and rack cards about the race in various places in Boone, Banner Elk, and Linville. Ed has emailed area schools.

Packets for race participants and Phantom Hawks will be stuffed at 1:00 pm Tuesday, September 11. Contents for race participants will include Seven Devils koozies, pens, and devils food cookies. All sponsors will be contacted to see if they want to provide something for the packet. A meeting for volunteers will be held at 4:00 on Friday, September 14, and race participants will be able to pick up their race packets between 2:00 and 7:00 that day.

New directional signs will be made, and signs stating “Caution” and “Race in Progress” will be posted along the race route. Signs will be put out the evening before the race and will be

covered with plastic to protect them from dew. We will make some "Burma Shave" type signs to encourage racers. A banner advertising the race will be put up September 1. Hillary Gropp will make the award certificates and labels for race packets. Martha Stearns will print the names and times of race winners on the certificates at the race.

The lead race vehicle will be a Prius on loan from Skip Watts. Bert and Donna Valery will handle late registration. All water stations will be on the right side of the road and will include water bowls for dogs. There will be recycling bins and plastic bags at each water station. Tents will be put up over the cakes table and the awards table. If rain is predicted, more tents will be set up. Anne Fontaine has purchased some cow bells for volunteers to ring along the route. Volunteers will be asked to return to the finish line to cheer the runners after all runners have passed their station and to help clean up after the race is over. Ed Beck will buy mandarin oranges and bananas. There will also be coffee and doughnuts.

We decided to award first, second, and third prizes to "dogs with runners attached." Ed Beck will buy dog biscuits for winners and smaller dog biscuits for all dogs who race.

Our next special session concerning The Hawk will be September 13, 2018, following the regular Recreation Commission meeting.

Ed Beck made a motion to adjourn. Bob Bridges seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by  
Martha Stearns, Secretary