

Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Call To Order: 7:14 PM

Attendance: Jessica Dizazzo, Troy Gladu, Alissa Haeseler, Craig Heuitson, Sharon Kozey, Dave Lavoie, Keith O'Hara (8:30 PM), Allan Rawson, Jeffrey Rawson, Kathie Rawson, Christine Rukstela, Debbie Spinelli

Absent: Amy Williams

1) New Members: Alissa Haeseler

2) Minutes: Motion made by Debbie Spinelli to accept the minutes of the August 17th meeting. Seconded by Craig Heuitson- approved by all.

3A) Strategic Planner: Keith provided an update regarding Caleb Rick of Legacy Giving. He will contact him again. It was agreed that January (or a date after the holidays) would be the appropriate time period to meet with either Caleb Rick or Tom Reynolds (from Reynolds Consulting) to do a retreat.

3B) Organizational Documents/By-laws: Kathie Rawson to contact Don Sullivan, CPA, to get copies of by-laws. Craig reported on his contacts with the attorneys- who offered to help with our organizing documents.

3C) New Members: Dick Loomis agreed to become a member. He should be at the next meeting. New names submitted for consideration: Steve Burlingame, Maryann and Jack Burke and Jim Rivers. Jeff Rawson offered to contact the Burkes. Troy Gladu to contact Steve Burlingame and Jim Rivers. Troy mentioned that his sister-in law (Denise) is a tax consultant who may be available to us. Organizational members were in favor of adding any/all of these people to our group. Allan to get contact information for Dick Loomis.

4A) Name: No official name was selected as of yet. Several mentioned. We agreed time would answer our question. Wellness is still our key focus.

4B) The Election of Officers: was referred to the **Nominating Committee**- which will be **chaired by Jeff Rawson**. Additional Members: Troy Gladu, Keith O'Hara, Jessica Dizazzo and Kathie Rawson.

It was suggested there be a chair and co-chair as opposed to selecting a president and vice president for our group. Everyone agreed. Jeff made a motion that there would be four officers selected -two co-chairs, a secretary and a treasurer. Motion seconded by Craig Heuitson. Approved by all.

Debbie Spinelli made a motion that the terms for the co-chairs would be 3 and 2 year terms during the first rotation. Following that cycle, the co-chairs would then follow two year terms. Motion seconded by Alissa Haeseler. Approved by all. Debbie Spinelli also made the motion

that the terms for secretary and treasurer be two years. Motion seconded by Allan Rawson. Approved by all.

4C) Committees Formed:

Nominating Committee: (see 4B for details/members),

Executive Committee: Four officers plus chairs of all committees

Finance Committee: **Alissa Haeseler, chair/** Elected Treasurer, Dick Loomis

Fitness Committee: **Amy Williams, chair/** Sharon Kozey, Debbie Spinelli, Dave Lavoie

Legal Committee: **Craig Heitson, chair/** Allan Rawson, Dick Loomis

Nutrition Committee: **Jessica Dizazzo, chair/** Kathie Rawson, Amy Williams

Public Relations and Marketing: **Sharon Kozey, chair/** Troy Gladu, Keith O'Hara, Christine Rukstela

Sports Committee: **Dave Lavoie, chair/** Debbie Spinelli, Craig Heitson, Allan Rawson
Jeff Rawson made a motion that the standings of the Executive, Legal, Finance, Sports, Fitness, Nutrition and Public Relations Committees be accepted. Motion was seconded by Allan Rawson. Accepted by all.

4D) Deb Spinelli described the Star Hill facility in detail and spoke about the meeting with CJSA (Kathy Zolad). There is no conflict with our group playing recreation or travel soccer. The only issues involve cup play.

4E) Allan Rawson and Jeff Rawson met with Kevin Washington (YMCA) and Ron Coderre. The YMCA program was compared to our program- with everyone agreeing there were many similar goals. We offered the YMCA land for their building on the River Junction property in Canterbury. Most people from the YMCA were excited about our offer, with the exception of Mrs. Betty Hale- who prefers to have the building located in Putnam. A meeting is to be held with Mrs. Hale of the Hale Foundation to view the Canterbury site. Mrs. Hale is funding part of the YMCA building (3.5 million). She has agreed to look at the piece of land in Canterbury.

4F) Allan Rawson and Kathie Rawson met with Don Sullivan, CPA. Allan explained the goals/purpose of this nonprofit. He was very positive and offered his services. He will supply us with copies of previous by-laws in his possession. Don Sullivan offered to meet with individuals and/or committees, if the need arises.

G1) Craig Heitson talked about the Legal Committee meeting with his attorney (and possibly Don Sullivan) in pursuit of the review, selection and organization of proper legal documents.

G2) The Finance Committee should meet with the Sports, Fitness and Nutrition Committees to review their initial monetary needs.

G3) The Sports, Fitness and Nutrition Committees should conduct a separate meeting to identify/consider programs for the first season. Once this is done, all committees should meet with the Finance Committee.

G4) The Public Relations and Marketing Committee should establish contact with The Connecticut Association for Non Profits. Christine Rukstela will update her power point presentation. This group to discuss alternate funding possibilities.

H) 1. Using school gyms to run free clinics over the winter was mentioned.

2. Jeff Rawson mentioned the facilities at QVCC as an underutilized facility.

3. Allan Rawson told the group he was trying to build a new soccer field on East Putnam Rd- at the Putnam/Thompson line.

4. The use of office and classroom space at Canal Street was discussed.
5. The group would like to get a program up and running before September 2011. 6. It was stated that a soccer insurance year runs from September 1st to August 31st.
- I) Transportation was tabled. No specific committee was assigned control of transportation yet.
- J) Sharon Kozey suggested asking the question, "are you eligible for free/reduced lunches?" as the basis for deciding need. It was also suggested the Athletic Directors of the area schools might be helpful. Debbie Spinelli is chairperson of the local AD's association, so would have the perfect opportunity to speak with local AD's and gym teachers to identify the children that could be placed on the underprivileged list.
- K) 1. Open discussion led to the question, "Has anyone stopped to think about the relationship we will have with the towns and clubs in the area"? 2. It was brought up that we are offering programs to all children- and this concept is a key issue. 3. We are not competing for the best athletes; we are looking for everyone- with or without the money. 4. Should we approach various towns/organizations to explain our goals to them? This might include meeting with the Little League, winter basketball, lacrosse, etc.
- L) Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at 7:00PM. (Allan/Kathie Rawson's house- 210 Chase Road)
- M) Craig Heuitson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sharon Kozey. Approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM

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