

POALH Board of Governors' Meeting
19 June 2009, 6:30 PM at the Pavilion

Present: Cindy B, Dave E, Lee G, Bonnie S, Alice M, John J., Jeff W, Ray B, Vicki M
(substitute secretary/clerk)

Absent: Jeff F., Sue K, Gail E.

Guest: Toni McCabe, Director of East Haddam Youth and Family Services (EHYFS)

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM with the introduction of Toni McCabe. Toni stated that many of our young people are not being served by EHYFS because the regular activities are held to far away at the Grange Hall. The agency feels that it's important to offer services to all EH youth, including our summer residents. She offered to co-sponsor a Teen Jam Night with POALH at the Pavilion so that our pre-teens and teens can be part of the EHFYS activities. The Board offered that Friday, July 31 from 6:30 – 9:30 PM would be a good date, since nothing else is scheduled at the Pavilion. It will be a time for kids to gather and play music together with other kids and adults who want to join in. EHYFS has liability insurance to cover all their activities in any venue. They will also provide adult supervision.

Alice – Promotional Items. We will be selling short-sleeved t-shirts, tank tops and caps this year. Sale will begin during the June meeting on June 28th.

Ray/Bonnie – 2nd Beach. Bonnie did not have a report. Ray said he has been working on the trash issues. We need to do a better job of recycling deposit cans and bottles out of the trash at 1st beach. The dump can refuse an entire load from a trash collector if they deem there are too many recyclables in the load. John will buy receptacles specifically for collecting recyclable cans and bottles.

Jeff W – Tennis and Swim Lessons – We currently have 22 signed up for swimming and 12 signed up for tennis lessons (many are signed up for both activities). Parents will be able to sign up their children at the June meeting. Swim lessons begin on June 29; tennis lessons begin on June 30. Jeff W will work with Jeff F on the schedule. All parents will be notified of the schedule before June 29.

Dave – Social. Dave suggested that we cancel the 1st and 2nd beach clean-ups scheduled for June 27. This will appear in the first POALH Newsletter. Dave and John commended everyone on the very successful 3rd beach clean-up earlier this year.

Pig Roast will be July 4. Alice will start selling tickets at 4:00 PM. We will be cooking and serving a 125 pound roast pig plus hamburgers and hot dogs starting at 5:00 (or thereabouts as soon as the pig is sufficiently cooked). Pig roast tickets are \$10 each and include pork, corn bread, many kinds of salads, etc. Hamburger/hot dog tickets are \$5 for the first dog or burger and \$3 for the next. (This price also includes all the side dishes). There will be iced tea, but everyone is encouraged to bring their own beverage. We are guaranteeing at least 150 pig roast dinners, but it will still be first come, first served.

The band, Hardwood, will play from 7:00 – 11:00 PM.
Movie on the Beach will begin on July 11.

John -- Roads and Beaches. Rakers start on June 27. East Haddam has installed guard rails in several places along Lake Shore Drive. The town is also looking into paving the road. We are asking them to explore the spillover into the road on the causeway during heavy rain. This is a very dangerous situation. John and Lee will upgrade the electrical system at the Pavilion over the summer. John is looking into the cost of buying a shed to sit next to the Pavilion to hold equipment over the winter.

There has been a rumor that the Fire House at the end of the lake is closing. This is not true. Town will merely be shuffling some equipment between facilities.

Lee – Treasurer. All bills are current. He has moved to pay all invoices electronically. All requests for reimbursement must be covered by receipts, not hand-written notes. We are examining the difference between a review and an audit of the books. Lee is looking into a corporate credit card for POALH to make it easier for people to buy supplies and to keep track of purchases.

Report by Cindy for Sue – Parking and Security – The cost of getting a swim rope permit is very expensive and the application is cumbersome. Sue suggests that we install floats on buoys beyond the floats saying “No Boats Inside this Zone.” Permits are not required for these. Sue has met with the resident trooper and they are working on speeding issues, etc.

Cindy – There will be a referendum on the disposal of the Shugrue Property on Monday, June 29. All property owners may vote in this.

On June 24th, there will be a meeting of the Lakes Committee at 7:00 PM at **Ballards (?) Garden Center**. John and Dave will attend and represent the lake.

On August 1st, Thad King from the Lakes District will speak at the Grange about lake issues.

New Business – Everyone loves the new boat racks, but some people feel that there should be a different method for assigning spaces in the rack 1) pay a fee or 2) hold a lottery. Board voted not to implement either idea because there is no one to coordinate, support or police the racks. Suggestion made that donations be collected to build additional racks. (Each rack costs about \$400) All boats must be removed from the beaches by November 1. Any boats left on the beach will be towed to the baseball field shortly thereafter.

Golf tournament is tentatively scheduled for July 18th.

Cindy is working with residents to create a nominating committee for recommending new Board of Governor members before the August meeting.

We will have Moira post a list of Board members with their contact information in the newsletter, as well as a posting of the beach rules.

Bonnie – Garden Club would like to create a small wall on 1st Beach. They will propose a plan to the board. Rhododendrons are being purchased for 2nd beach in memory of Eunice McNeil.

John proposed moving the bid request amount from \$500 to \$800. He is spending too much time getting bids for small jobs. Dave moved, Jeff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

John is looking into changing the lights in the Pavilion from timed on/off to motion sensitive. This will save POALH a lot of money.

Submitted,

Vicki P. McDonald

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