



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION

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## RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

2 August 2010

**Commission Members Present:** Clyde Takala – Chairman, Joe O’Brien – Vice Chairman, Andy Gauthier, Rene King, Kevin Turner, and Dan Proto

**Commission Members Absent:** Kathy Pina

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm, roll call was taken. Kevin Turner made a motion to accept the second draft of minutes from July, seconded by Andy Gauthier, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

**Aquatic Staff Acknowledgement** Clyde Takala recognized the staff that was present at the meeting and thanked them for a job well done. Joe O’Brien said it was a unique opportunity to thank the staff for everything they do. Usually once a year the Recreation Commission holds an Employee of the Year to acknowledge those who have done an outstanding job for the Town of Barnstable. He said the Recreation Commission appreciates each and every person; they represent the Town of Barnstable and they really have done a great job. We are proud of all of you. Kevin Turner said he echoed Joe’s comments. It is reassuring to have employees like yourselves that can respond and be professional and help patrons on the beaches. At this time, David Curley and Clyde Takala called out names and presented each employee with an award.

**New Business** Recreation Commission Reorganization – Vote on Officers Joe O’Brien asked that the Commission wait for Rene King to vote. The Commission decided to wait for Rene. The vote on Officers was suspended briefly.

**Old Business Best Buddies** Joe O’Brien said he was pleased with the drafting of the letter to Bill Sykes and Best Buddies, but he had concerns about sending out the letter. He said Bill should be invited to the next meeting to discuss in person the issues in the letter. He is afraid the letter may be a little harsh. Andy said the Recreation Commission and Division have a great working relationship with Bill and Best Buddies and he doesn’t want to jeopardize that relationship. He believes a meeting with Bill Sykes is softer than the letter. Clyde said Bill Sykes should be invited to come to the next meeting but feels that he should hear our concerns before hand so he is not blindsided. David said he will call Mr. Sykes to discuss the concerns so he is prepared for the next meeting. Kevin asked if the financial consideration is not as important as it was last month because it wasn’t in the drafted letter. David informed the Commission members that the financial aspect involves the Town Manager and has confidentiality issues present. He

feels the board should discuss with Bill Sykes the setup and breakdown of the event, and the time frame for the event. **Joe** made a motion in lieu of the letter, invite Mr. Sykes to the September or October meeting and have Mr. Curley apprise him of the issues that were in the letter. **Andy** seconded the motion, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously.

**Wishing Well** **David Curley** told the Commission that Board member Kathy Pina thought the first Anniversary of the Hyannis Youth and Community Center would be a perfect time to introduce the wishing well and have a small ceremony. **Kevin** made a motion to introduce the wishing well at the HYCC one year anniversary for discussion purposes, seconded by **Joe O'Brien**. **Kevin** asked what the one year celebration was going to look like and is there any conflict of interest regarding Board Member Pina. **David** said the wishing well was donated by two individuals, one being related to Board Member Pina. The wishing well is set up to assist and support the youth through the membership program. There will be a small ceremony and there will be our Touch a Truck event, games, use of the ice, and gym. There is no conflict of interest having checked with the legal department already. He said Kathy Pina thought that would be a good time to introduce the wishing well. **Kevin** asked how much money the wishing well has produced. **David** said it has not been emptied yet. **Dan Proto** asked when the date of the anniversary is. **David** said mid September and information will be handed out to the board. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of supporting the wishing well to be introduced at the first anniversary of HYCC.

**Luke's Love** **David** informed the Commission that the Ribbon Cutting and Dedication Ceremony of Luke's Love will be held Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 10 am and hopefully the Board Members can attend. He said netting is being installed to stop softballs from coming over to the playground, a water spicket/faucet is being installed to help water the plantings and shrubbery. **Clyde** said the email the Recreation Commission received had an email to RSVP to the event; respond to the email.

**Recycled Sports Equipment** **Rene** made a suggestion that throughout the year used sporting equipment be dropped off at the Recreation Division to be recycled and put back into the community and reused for our Recreation programs. **David** said in the past used equipment has been donated and put right back into our programs whether it is hockey equipment or baseball equipment. **Rene** suggested equipment be given to both the program and to individuals who have a need. She said she would put more structure into her proposal and bring forth a more formal procedure to the Commission. **Joe** asked how widely advertised is our need for recycled sports equipment. **David** said not very well advertised but he said informing the community about a need for used equipment would be useful. **Joe** said with the countless people coming and going from the HYCC, there should be a shop or stand set up for individuals to bring and donate items. **David** said he would work closely with Rene to develop an appropriate program. **Dan** asked if there was enough storage space. **Rene** said there should be criteria on the shape of the donation and along with strict boundaries and descriptions for the program, which she will follow up on and bring forward to the September meeting.

**Centerville Field Project** **Kevin Turner** thanked David for forwarding the Field Assessment to him and he hopes they can work closely with Barnstable Little League for the next five years. He asked what the status of the Centerville Field project was. **David** said Legal was working on that program and upon completion it will go to the Town Manager for approval. **Kevin** asked what Legal was looking at. **David** said Legal is looking at the appropriate verbiage in drafting the proposal to the Town Manager. **Joe** asked that the Centerville Ball Field Project be on the September meeting agenda. Also, he asked if a rep from Little League would be invited to attend the meeting. He said they could start the ball rolling on the five year plan.

**New Business** **Recreation Commission Reorganization – Vote on Officers** **David Curley** said there would be a vote on the Election of Officers. Joe O'Brien and Clyde Takala were nominated

for the Chair position. He asked that each Board member cast their vote. Rene King, Dan Proto, Andy Gauthier, Kevin Turner, Joe O'Brien, and Clyde Takala voted for Joe O'Brien for Chair. Clyde Takala and Joe O'Brien were nominated for the Vice Chair position. **David** asked the Board members to cast their vote. Rene King, Dan Proto, Andy Gauthier, Kevin Turner, Joe O'Brien, and Clyde Takala voted for Clyde Takala for Vice Chair. **David** congratulated Joe O'Brien for being elected as Chairperson and Clyde Takala for being elected as Vice Chairperson. **Joe O'Brien** thanked Clyde for his years of hard work and dedication. He knows it is a tough position and he thanks Clyde from the bottom of his heart. **Clyde** thanked Joe and said looking back; he had a lot of fun. He was Chairperson for eight years; thank you for your support.

**Public Comment**     **None**

**Director's Report**     **David Curley** gave his Director's Report. See Attached. **Joe** asked David if there were any more emergencies at the beaches. **David** said every single day there are many situations the Aquatic Staff faces whether it is cuts or jelly fish stings. They are always busy. **Joe** asked that David keep the Commission members apprised. **Rene** asked if the logo contest was still open until August 6<sup>th</sup>. **David** said it was, there were only a few entries and they may extend the deadline. **Joe** asked if the water issue affected the Golf Course in any way. **David** said no. **Clyde** asked if the Aquatic staff was going to attend the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Lifeguard Competition at Harding's Beach in Chatham. **David** said yes they were and it is a lot of fun for the staff. **Kevin** wanted to thank the Recreation Staff for a job well done with the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. **Andy** also thanked David and said it was outstanding. **David** thanked the Commission members for the recognition and said it was a good year and was amazed at how the village and community have embraced the new facility. He said they have an aggressive second year plan. Also, the staff have really stepped up and performed their duties well. **Joe** said he would like to express his thanks as well. The Recreation Division and staff have really done a great job. **Joe** asked that a representative for the Cotuit Kettleers be invited to the October meeting and a representative for the Harbor Hawks be invited to the November meeting. **Rene** asked if there were more game opportunities available like the Colgate/Army game that is coming up in October. **David** said the Colgate/Army game and the National Showcase event will open up many doors for future events at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:30 at Town Hall. **Clyde** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Kevin**, the Commission voted and it was passed unanimously at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Samantha Garfield, Principal Division Assistant, Recreation Division.