

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes--Regular Session
August 13, 2015**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on August 13, 2015. Members present were Bob Bridges, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, and Martha Stearns. Ed Evans was also present. Leigh Sasse was absent.

Anne Fontaine distributed copies of the agenda and called the meeting to order. Kay Lambert made a motion to accept the agenda. Bob Bridges seconded the motion, and it passed.

Kay Lambert made a motion to accept the minutes of July 16, 2015. Bob Bridges seconded the motion, and it passed.

Walking Challenge participants have reported approximately 5000 miles walked. Several walkers have not yet reported their mileage. We will hold the Walking Challenge wrap-up party in town hall at 10:15 on October 8. It will include a short walk and refreshments. We will make final plans at our September meeting.

A Citizen Emergency Response Seminar was held in town hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24. Citizenship participation was good. Another workshop leading to CPR certification is being planned.

We will have a booth at Grandfather Mountain State Park's Go G.R.E.E.N. event on August 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Grandfather Community Center. The theme of our booth will be bears and how to keep them from becoming a nuisance. Anne Fontaine and Martha Stearns will set up the booth at 10:00 and remain in the booth until 1:00. Bob Bridges and Leigh Sasse will be in charge of the booth from 1:00 until 4:00. Kay Lambert may be able to work from 1:00 until 4:00. We will plan some children's activities and pass out teddy grahams. Grandfather Mountain State Park Ranger Andy Sicard will provide a system to demonstrate how to store supplies in a bear-proof way. Leigh Sasse will try to borrow a bear-proof trash can.

Bob Bridges reported that the July group walk in Banner Elk was very successful. The walk today will be at Trout Lake near the Blue Ridge Parkway. The walk in September will be from the Cone Manor to the Cone gravesite.

Citizen Mary Metzger is interested in starting a Seven Devils Garden Club that would be responsible for the planting bed on the slope near town hall. Anne Fontaine reported that TDA is willing to contribute \$200-\$300 for planting this bed. Martha Stearns will contact her about organizing it.

We will continue to pursue plans to have movie nights at Seven Devils. Showing a movie would probably require a license.

Anne Fontaine said she had e-mailed Forest Service employee Stuart Scott about holding a workshop about trees, but he hasn't replied yet.

There hasn't been much response about pickleball. Next year we may ask pickleball players from Boone to give an exhibition in Seven Devils.

Bob Bridges will organize an Otter Falls Trail workday for volunteers. Ed Evans reported that the fire pit at the falls has been dismantled.

Ed Evans said the issue of the donor list on the trailhead sign needs to be resolved soon. He had spoken with Appalachian Signs about ways to clarify donor levels. Explanations about donor levels will be clustered together in one area. Names of people who donated \$100.00 will be shown on one surface. More obvious colors will be used to indicate different donor levels.

Our next regular meeting will be September 10, 2015, at 9:00.

Bob Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Martha Stearns seconded it, and it passed.

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns, Secretary