

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes--Regular Session
June 11, 2015**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 4:00 in Town Hall on June 11, 2015. Members present were Bob Bridges, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, and Martha Stearns. Randy Johnson, Ed Evans, Brad Lambert, Sue Ehmgig, and David Ehmgig were also present.

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

Leigh Sasse made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14 and May 28, 2015, and Kay Lambert seconded the motion. It passed.

Anne Fontaine introduced Randy Johnson, who has been hired by the TDA for ten months to promote Seven Devils and enhance the town website. Randy said he is trying to learn as much as possible about Seven Devils. We will share Recreation Commission minutes with him.

Anne Fontaine thanked Sue Ehmgig for her work on the reception following the Otter Falls grand opening. Sue said that Barbara Tarlton did a great job organizing the food for the reception. She thanked Anne and Larry Fontaine for all the work they did to organize the events of the day. We feel that the grand opening of Otter Falls was very successful.

Thirty-four people have signed up for the Walking Challenge, and participants have reported 983 miles. We are slightly behind in reaching our goal of 10,000 miles, but it's likely that many participants have not reported their miles walked. We will continue to encourage participation.

The next workshop will be an Amphibian Prowl, held on the Otter Falls trail by Grandfather Mountain State Park ranger Andy Sicard on June 12 at 4:00 pm. Other workshops that we sponsor will be a CPR workshop at town hall at 1:00 pm on July 17, an Animal Camouflage workshop at the Seven Devils playground on July 26, and a Bear workshop at town hall at 10:00 on August 7. Residents will also be encouraged to attend "Let's Race & Make a Boat" on June 21 at the Profile Trail parking lot.

Bob Bridges said that the next group walk will be a walk In Bear Paw Natural Area led by an Elk Knob State Park Ranger. Participants will meet at 9:30 on June 18 to carpool to the walking site. On July 16 participants will meet at 10:15 at town hall for a walk on the Banner Elk Historic Trail. Bob is investigating the possibility of a group canoe trip on the New River on August 13.

Randy Johnson mentioned that each August there is a canoe trip to raise money for state parks.

Anne Fontaine reported that she had ordered more prizes for children's games at our SafetyFest booth. We will meet at 8:00 am on July 4 to set up our booth.

We will have a booth at the Grandfather Mountain State Park Go G.R.E.E.N. festival at Grandfather Community Center on August 22. The theme of our booth will be bears and how to keep them becoming a nuisance. Randy Johnson suggested that we could possibly borrow a cable and pulley system from the state park and demonstrate how campers can make their food and supplies inaccessible to bears. We will look for pictures that we can use in our booth.

In the past we have had inquiries from residents about adapting one of our tennis courts so that it can be used for pickleball. Anne commented that pickleball seems to be becoming more popular. She will send an e-mail to residents asking about interest in a pickleball tournament.

Our next regular meeting will be July 16, 2015.

Leigh Sasse made a motion to adjourn. Bob Bridges seconded it, and it passed.

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns, Secretary