

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes--Regular Session
June 16, 2016**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on June 16, 2016. Members present were Ed Beck, Bob Bridges, Anne Fontaine, Martha Stearns, and Skip Watts. Debbie Powers was also present. Kay Lambert and Leigh Sasse were absent

Anne Fontaine opened the meeting and distributed the agenda. Bob Bridges made a motion to approve the agenda. Skip Watts seconded the motion, and it passed.

Ed Beck made a motion to approve the May 12, 2016, minutes. Bob Bridges seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Skip Watts reported on the last Watauga County Recreation Commission meeting. No voting took place, because there was not a quorum. There was a discussion about development of the Bolick property, which will contain ball fields. Skip had asked about having a youth tennis tournament but found out that most children who compete in tennis travel on weekends to other tournaments.

Movie night was well received, and people were asking for more movies. Participants enjoyed the popcorn, and the venue was very satisfactory. There was some skipping and freezing in the movie, and Debbie Powers has complained to Criterion, the company that provided the licensed showing of the movie for \$275.00. We hope that the company will provide a free movie or a refund. Equipment rental was expensive, and Skip Watts will investigate purchase of the equipment, which TDA may fund. Bob Bridges suggested that movies be shown twice during the summer. We may show another one this year.

So far, about twenty people have registered for the "Let's Get Fit" Challenge, and they have reported about 1000 miles. The challenge started May 1 and will continue through September 30. Group hikes will be held June 16, July 14, and August 11, all starting at 10:15 a.m. after the Recreation Commission meetings. Bob Bridges said that the first walk will be a round trip of 4.7 miles on a section of the Profile Trail in Grandfather Mountain State Park to a view of Grandfather Mountain with an option for a shorter hike. The second hike on July 14 will be to Stone Mountain, a distance of 3.8 miles. The hike on August 11 will be to Storyteller Rock.

Beth Watts will teach dance aerobics June 25 at 2:00, July 16 at 10:00, and August 20 at 10:00. Each class will meet about 45 minutes and will also include light weight training and stretching.

The Grandfather Mountain State Park Centennial Celebration will be at Appalachian State University on August 26 with a featured speaker, Dr. Patrick McMillan. TDA will donate \$500.00, and we will help to host it.

Berny Burns will offer art classes at town hall on July 21 and August 18. Classes are limited to ten participants.

Skip Watts reported that the first tennis clinic went well with 6 children participating. Skip found out that a special ball used to teach children is available. He will spend approximately \$40.00 of the Recreation Commission budget to purchase some of these balls and a hopper. The tennis court resurfacing is scheduled for some time in July.

Music on the Lawn with Amantha Mill is scheduled for August 12. Bob Bridges and Leigh Sasse will host it.

The Seven Devils Garden Club held their first meeting on June 14 and has purchased new plants and worked on garden beds around town hall.

Matt Fontaine has offered to come to town hall to give CPR lessons. Bobby Powell is also certified.

SafetyFest needs more volunteers. The Recreation Commission's children booth will be very similar to last year's.

The town council has approved a new advertising logo that will be used to promote Seven Devils.

Ed Beck suggested that we should hold a 7K road race next year, which would allow us plenty of time to prepare.

The town will apply for a grant for a dog park.

A professional trail builder will come to Seven Devils in August or September to plan for additional trails in the Otter Falls property. Debbie Powers reported that \$9300.00 has been donated for the matching grant of \$23,000.

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

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns, Secretary