

**Town of Seven Devils  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes—Regular Session  
April 13, 2017**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on April 13, 2017. Members present were Bob Bridges (by telephone), Ed Beck, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, Martha Stearns, and Skip Watts. Town Manager Debbie Powers, Larry Fontaine, Berny Burns, and Brad Lambert were also present. Anne Fontaine distributed copies of the agenda and a list of planned summer activities.

The agenda and the January 12, 2016, minutes were both approved.

Debbie Powers announced that our RTP grant application for a trail and a parking area on Peak Mountain has been accepted for consideration. It is an \$80,000 grant, and Seven Devils would provide \$20,000 of it.

Preparations for “The Hawk” are continuing. Ed Beck has talked to Bobby Powell and Chuck Davis about safety. A press release was sent out, and we will have a full-page ad in *Summer Times* and other publications. We will have an information booth about “The Hawk” at SafetyFest. Skip Watts will check with the t-shirt manufacturer to see if we can get a sample shirt to show to potential sponsors and also to display in the SafetyFest booth.

There was a discussion about appropriate prizes. We will do some research before our next meeting. Possible prizes are mugs, medallions, or gift certificates. We will also do some research about age groups. We will probably give each racer and walker a koozie and a bottle of water. Bob Bridges suggested that we include a feedback form in each runner’s packet. We may invite High Country Realtors to have a booth, and we may have a booth to sell town items to support public safety.

We will sponsor the walking/activity challenge again this year with a goal of 15,000 miles. The challenge will run from May 1 to September 30. There will be group walks on the second Thursday of June, July, August, and September, starting at 10:15. There will be group hikes on the third Thursday of each of those months, starting at 9:00. There will be a moonlight canoe trip on the New River on June 12, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Grandfather Mountain State Park Ranger Andy Sicard will conduct workshops on June 16, July 7, and August 4. Suggestions for topics included snakes and creepy-crawlers, finding colors in nature, finding things on a map, and geocaching.

A movie will be shown at Town Hall on July 21. We will sponsor two concerts. The Johnson Brothers will perform on June 23, and Amantha Mill will perform on August 11. We will have a children’s booth at SafetyFest.

Berny Burns reported that she plans to offer two painting parties a month in June, July, and August, and one party in September. They will be held at her house with a shuttle running from Town Hall. The cost for each will be \$25.00. The dates for the June painting parties are June 7 and June 21.

Ed Beck will check on Hickory Crawdad games that Seven Devils residents might attend as a group. We will have a pickle ball clinic. Skip Watts will offer junior tennis lessons, and Beth Watts will offer aerobics classes. The garden club hasn't met yet this year, but it will be active this summer. Bob Bridges reminded us to count participants in all our programs so we can report to the Town Council at the end of the season.

There will be an Arbor Day celebration on April 28. Two Christmas-type trees will be planted to replace some problem trees that were recently removed. Larry Fontaine will make a proclamation, and Debbie Powers will read a poem. There will be a luncheon following the ceremony.

Leigh Sasse made a motion to adjourn. Ed Beck seconded it, and it passed.

Submitted by

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