

**Town of Seven Devils
Recreation Commission
Minutes—Regular Session
October 13, 2016**

The Town of Seven Devils Recreation Commission met at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall on October 13, 2016. Members present were Bob Bridges, Ed Beck, Anne Fontaine, Kay Lambert, Leigh Sasse, Martha Stearns, and Skip Watts. Town Manager Debbie Powers, Larry Fontaine, and Brad Lambert were also present.

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

Ed Beck made a motion to accept the minutes of our August 11, 2016, meeting. Leigh Sasse seconded the motion, and it passed.

Anne Fontaine gave a report about the 2016 “Let’s Get Fit” Challenge. There were 45 participants, and the total mileage was 16,378.08, exceeding the goal of 12,000. Lee Rawlinson was the winner with 1326 miles. A group walk and party will follow the Recreation Commission meeting today.

Anne gave a brief review of Walking Challenge history. It started in 2013 with a total of 5839 miles, exceeding the 3800 goal. In 2014 there were 39 participants who reported 8743 miles, exceeding the goal of 6500. In 2015 there were 54 participants who reported 15,430.22 miles, exceeding the goal of 12,000.

Ed Beck and Skip Watts reported on the preliminary plans for a 2017 7K race in Seven Devils. The start and finish will be in or near the Hawksnest parking lot, with the turnaround on Alpine Drive. We picked September 23, 2017, as the most likely date, with the race starting at 8:00 a.m. The race may be called “The Hawk,” and we will need to get sponsors. We will plan for social media advertising. Logos for T-shirts will need to be designed, and plans will have to be made for traffic control and emergency coverage. There will be aid stations, water, possibly fruit at the finish line. We will need to have a timer and decide how to time the runners. Portable toilets will be needed. We will continue to plan at our November 10, 2016, meeting.

We set December 2, 2016, as the date for “Light the Night,” and we decided to make it a covered dish dinner. We will provide a main dish, and everyone will be asked to bring a side item.

Bob Bridges reported on plans for 2017. There will be a hike and a walk each month. He suggested that Anne Fontaine use her e-mail list to survey residents about their wishes for 2017 events. Bob suggested a possible whitewater rafting trip, a Virginia Creeper bike ride, a canoe trip on the New River, a day trip to Linville Caverns, and a town book club. We may have two concerts in 2017. Screen and movie rentals are expensive, so we will decide if we want to show two movies rather than one.

Bob suggested that we compile a list of all our activities for the Town Council and TDA so they can be aware of how we use the funds they provide to us. There was a discussion about whether participants in our activities should sign a liability waiver. Bob suggested that the town might consider a Recreation Commission intern to help with planning and publicizing recreation activities.

Debbie Powers reported that the trail builder had started working on the new trails at Otter Falls today. More than \$16,000 has been donated for the matching grant.

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

Submitted by:

Martha Stearns