

Town of Harpswell
Recreation Committee Meeting
October 5, 2015

Attendees: Sue Rich, Don Miskill, Tony Barrett and Rick Meisenbach.

Also present: Gina Perow.

A quorum WAS NOT present when the meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Meeting Minutes: The September 8, 2015 minutes WERE NOT approved.

Old Business:

- **Action item: Devil's Back Trail Plan for east side [Don M.]**
- **Action item: Cliff Trail – Replace broken and rotted bridge boards, build additional bog bridges at Henry's Creek, reflective paint for the blazes, and blaze the cutoff trail reroute.**
- **Action item: Erect roadside sign for the Giant Stairs, and repaint the GS bike rack.**
- **Action item: Make laminated "You are here" maps for the Devil's Back and Cliff Trails.**
- **Action item: Develop an Other Power Driven Mobility Devices [OPDMD] Policy for town trails.**
- **Action item: Permanent maps at trailheads or map cards and QR codes.**
- **Action item: DOGPOT station at Mackerel Cove.**

New Business:

- **Blood-borne Pathogen Training** – Gina did a Power Point training session for Sue, Don & Tony. This is OSHA required training for anyone who could come in contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.
- **Town Event at Mitchell Field** – A small, warm celebration of Harpswell to let people know about Harpswell with a focus on recreation.
 - Need a title for the event.
 - Looking at 9 or 16 July (Sat) 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
 - Add swimming event, possible crate run.
 - Can we offer to issue fishing licenses at the event?
 - Talk with Eric Field to see if we can tie it in with a Bean Supper event.
 - Warden question, do people need a saltwater fishing license?
 - Talk with Monique Coombs about getting the word out.
 - Include HNPEA, HCA, HHLT and HCS.
 - Kites, Frisbees', horseshoes, bring your own equipment.
 - Yacht race? Talk with Rick Meisenbach.
 - Electrical power support – Call Tom Allen.
 - Band Fees???
 - H2 Outfitters
 - Running Race, Bean Bag toss
 - Food Vendors, do they need permits?
 - Would the Scouts like to help?
 - Sell H2O.
- **Devil's Back East Shore Trail** – Gina and Don have conducted a preliminary walk. Would like to go again on Thursday, October 8 at 1:00 PM, others are invited.

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- **Cliff Trail:**
 - We've recently had two SAR evolutions for lost hikers. One required a night search at dusk to help two people out of the woods. The other was cancelled when the lost hikers found their own way out.
 - Need to put up the HIKER ORANGE CLOTHING reminders as hunting season starts.
 - Trail work survey on Thursday, October 16 at 10:00 AM.
- **Town Office Kiosk** – We need to plan where the town office kiosk should be placed.
- **Mitchell Field Update** – The MF Committee is finalizing their recommendations for a boat launch at the field, and what should be done with the pier. There will be two warrant articles for the 2016 town meeting. Bowdoin Common Good Day brought two crews to the field. One for the Community Garden and the other to remove barbed wire from the perimeter fence. The BoS has removed the No Firearms restriction from the Mitchell Field Rules.
- **E-mail notifications for Recreation Programs** – Don would like to cull his email list. He and Gina will work out the details to transition notices to the Recreation Department computer using some new online tools.
- **Outside town entities** – The Orrs Island Library has asked us to send out their first Thursday events using our email notification protocol and our Facebook page.
- **Action items Review** – Devil's Back Bicycles rack and DOG POT pole are up. Reroute has been cut in on the Cliff Trail. Roadside signs are up for Cliff Trail and Devil's Back. New Outdoor Recreation booklet and pocket card are in print.

Handouts:

- Blood-borne Pathogen Training (Power Point, available via email).

Next Meeting:

- Devil's Back East survey on October 8th at 1:00 PM.
- Cliff Trail walk-thru on October 16th at 10:00 AM.
- Recreation Committee meeting on November 2nd, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Recreation Committee meeting on December 7th, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.
- Recreation Committee meeting on January 4th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

The Recreation Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Don Miskill, Secretary