

Harvey's Lake Beach Committee: Meeting Minutes

Monday April 14, 2014

Present: Sue Persson, Christen Emerson, Joyce Evans, Kelly Glentz Brush, Sarah Walls, Ruth Vaal, Sandy Lazerick, Philo Marcotte

Agenda:

1. Swimming lessons: Sandy L is here to answer our questions. Determine fees for ELOP students so they may budget for it. At Kiwanis they encourage donations. Lessons at St. Jay Academy cost \$42 for a block of 6 half hour lessons. Cheapest cost at St. Jay Academy is \$5 a lesson. We could charge \$50 for the lessons or \$30 with purchase of \$45 beach pass (for those who don't reside in Barnet.) Barnet residents: lessons will be free. We will decide later whether and how much to charge Barnet-residing ELOP students. At Kiwanis they have one instructor and one helper per class. During swim lessons do we need 2 lifeguards watching the kids in the water? If you do the lessons early enough the lake is not usually crowded. Shoot for 9-noon. We can partition off the area we want to use for lessons if need be. Or post swim at your own risk during lessons, with one lifeguard on duty. Lessons are usually half an hour long. Two instructors could be teaching two different age groups at the same time. 10-1 instructor/student ratio.
2. Swim equipment sources: The Finals, Swim Outlet, Keifer
3. Lifeguard ads/responses from interested returnees to Sue's email. We have 3 applicants and want to interview them asap. Kelly is going to contact the 3 applicants this week and set up interviews for 4/21 held from 7-8:30 either at the school or the Town Clerk's office. Kelly, Philo and Sue will be in contact as they are the interview committee.
4. Lake Harvey Association newsletter: Sue will write a blurb that includes our swim lesson schedule, committee members, and our wish list for donations needed.
5. When is WSI course? First week of June at St. Jay Academy pool or Kiwanis pool. Can Sandy come and offer waterfront certification add-on for our lifeguards. Good Neighbor fund has some money for this cost. What does the liability insurance say: do we need that additional certification? Sandy can also do training specific to our beach. We need a rescue board. Sandy will look into this for us. Sandy also says we need to figure out an emergency action list and have that ready to go. Poison control, state police, an adult to call from the board.
6. Last day of school beach day: June 11
7. Work parties?
8. Blurb on new Beach committee for LHA newsletter to go out soon.
9. Beach committee membership: official list: (bold indented script is message from assistant town clerk Cathy McLam) ***Traditionally the beach committee has been composed of 5 members with one serving as chair. The chair puts together names for the Selectboard to form the committee. The Selectboard has the last word on who is serving on the committee. The committee then puts together plan for the current season and some long range projects-replacement of grills, landscaping, building maintenance and so on. Any major purchases for the beach have to go through the Selectboard first, so planning is important. The Selectboard hires the***

person mowing and trimming the beach.

The committee hires the lifeguards and if you plan on having swimming lessons get a good idea of how much and let the Selectboard know before hiring someone. The chair of the committee usually goes to a Selectboard meeting with names for the committee and then later on goes back with their plan for the season early April. Then in late September the chair goes back to the Selectboard with a report on how the season went and a look ahead for any big expenses to come next season.

10. Suggestions from Sandy: Invest in a lightning meter. Cost about \$200, might help us if we need to cancel lessons due to lightning. She said because we are on the 2 week timeline window, we should consider not extending the swim lessons because of weather, just cancel any lessons due to lightning. Rain is fine, Kiwanis does lessons in the rain. Suggestion on having the big kids do their lessons earlier in the morning and the younger ones a bit later (so water can hopefully feel warmer) Lifeguards are paid minimum wage for first year at Kiwanis (\$8 and change is minimum) and then increase every year with a cap at \$10.50. Kelly said she figured in the budget \$10 an hour for head lifeguard as well as \$10 per hour for swim instructor.

Hiring Committee Meeting: Monday, April 21st, 7 p.m. Location TBD, Kelly will have details.

Next meeting: Monday, April 28th at Barnet Library, 7 p.m.