

WACPD Minutes - 6/17/15

Present: Committee members: Joan Haines, Barbara Blejewski, Kathy Kanya, Terry Hulbert, Joselyn Valente, Christine Taylor, Elaine Ziellor, David Caruk. Laison, Natalie Morrison. Public – Ray Lampreau

Absent: Committee Members- Lee Sekas, Sue Buckland, Phil Knecht. Liaison – Tony Martino

Meeting was called to order by Joan Haines at 7:01pm.

Public Comment: Joan Haines reported that Lee Sekas was recovering and hopefully we will see him back at our next meeting in September.

Minutes of the April Meeting were read and Joselyn Valente motioned to approve them. Terry Hulbert seconded the motion. Minutes were approved (note – there was NO May meeting due to lack of a quorum).

Old Business: Natalie reported on the Group Homes – residents were involved in the TR track and field event for the Regional and State Special Olympic games in June. For the next meeting in September it was suggested that some of the committee members “adopt” a group home. They would be responsible to keep in touch with their group home and bring the committee any issues that the home might be having and how we can assist them.

Christine Taylor reported on the Senior event “Living on a Fixed Income” held in May – It was attended by approximately 80 people. Commissioner Ritter of the Dept. of Aging gave a speech.

Natalie reported on Parks and Rec programs: Several of the TR athletes participated in the Unified Run – Torch Across America. On May 31st. and on June 4 most of our athletes also participated in the State Games . TR Golf program and Parks and Rec summer programs all start on 6/22. The Fishing Derby (for grades K-6th) was a great success 20-30 fish were caught and one turtle.

No report on Transportation:

New Business: Nominations were made & election of new officers was held with the following results: Joan Haines- Chairperson Joselyn Valente-Co-Chair/Secr. Kathy Kanya-Treasurer. A motion was made by Terry Hulbert to allocate \$100 toward the July 15, 2015 TR picnic. Elaine Zieller seconded the motion and it passed. This will serve as the committee's July meeting. Also no meeting will be held in August, so our next formal meeting will be on September 16th.

David Caruk suggested that maybe we could film our meetings and air them on Channel 14 so that more people will know about what we do. This led into a discussion of what WACPD has done since its inception back in 1976. It was noted that next year will be our 40th anniversary and we should try to get Wethersfield Life to do our article on the committee. Everyone was asked to bring some thought to the September meeting so that we can proceed.

Elaine Zieller reported that her daughter works for Channel 3 and she would be willing to help us get some publicity for maybe the Santa Breakfast etc.

Terry Hulbert mentioned that he had signed up for a computer course given by the Wethersfield Adult Education. He was disappointed that the computer was not "adaptive" for the blind. A round table discussion was held with suggestions that Terry might be able to investigate to see if BESB may assist with the Adult Ed Tech upgrades for adaptive computers. He will discuss it further with Adult Ed get back to the committee in September to update us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.