

**Town of Wilmington  
Recreation Commission  
Minutes of February 6, 2014 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Charlie Biondo, Sheila Burke, Mike Burns, Laurie Robarge and Deborah Cipriani, Director

**Members Absent:** Mark Kennedy,

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 p.m.

The December 5, 2013 meeting minutes were read and unanimously accepted on a motion by Charlie Biondo and seconded by Sheila Burke.

**Director Cipriani's report:**

The same number of participants attended Santa's Workshop on December 5 as did last year. There were a couple older children but most were under age 6.

Two hundred and sixty-three people attended the Breakfast with Santa held on December 7 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The event went well and was enjoyed by the participants. Additional kitchen help will be solicited for next year.

Family Fun Skate nights held at the Ristuccia rink are free for those enrolled in the Learn to Skate program offered through the Recreation Department.

On the New England Day trip a stop was made at the Deerfield Inn for lunch. The Inn had undergone renovations due to flooding a couple years ago. The Inn was beautiful but the meal was not up to par. Debbie relayed the comments/complaints to the Tour Company and the Inn Keepers. The Inn offered to have the group back and give them a free meal. Debbie told them it would be impossible to pick one date that the original fifty passengers would be available and then to make them pay again for bus transportation. Debbie is trying to get a per person refund.

The Sentimental Journey trip on December 12 was very well received.

Despite the terrible weather conditions this winter no Saturday basketball games have needed to be cancelled. There is one week left of the season.

Chicken Pot Pies were made in the new Chefs in Training program on January 30 held in the High School Consumer Science Room. Children in grades 2 – 5 participated.

Students in grades 2 – 5 made a paw print fleece hat in the new In Stitches class. The program met for one hour on three Thursday afternoons. Students learned how to cut out fabric following a pattern to construct and sew a hat.

Fifty-three participants enrolled for the Casino Escape trip on January 26 & 27. Patrons had the opportunity to visit both Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Casino. The entire group stayed overnight at Foxwoods.

**New Business:**

Waterfield /Crowe has been hired as the Concept and Schematic Design Firm for the Yentile Farm property. The public forum scheduled for February 5 to discuss the potential uses for the property was cancelled due to a snow storm. A new date has not been announced.

Debbie is meeting with the Finance Committee on Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Fifty-four seats for the Pacific Coast Cruise on September 13 -20 were sold out in one week. The Tour Company was able to get an additional thirty-four seats on another airline within the same time frame as the first flights.

The six week session for Junior Basketball started on January 4 and will end this Saturday, February 8. The program has had a terrific season. The supervisors and coaches have been great.

Karen Campbell attended the MRPA Regional Meeting in Reading on January 16. A meeting is being scheduled to further discuss a Flag Football League in Wilmington. A call will be placed to the contact for Pop Warner before proceeding.

Debbie and Mike Burns attended the Open Space & Recreation Meeting on December 11.

**Discussions:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sheila Burke at 6:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Laurie Robarge.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Laurie Robarge  
Secretary