

Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

6:00 PM

Durham Public Works Dept – Stone Quarry Drive, Durham, NH

Members present: Mike Lynch, Doug Bullen, and Andy Buckman – DPW;
Cathy Leach – Town Council rep; Cheryl Hoffman, Eric Fisher, Rick Szilagyi –
citizens. Member absent: Mike Mullaney - citizen

I. Approval of Agenda

- At 6:03PM Cathy Leach called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.

II. Approval of minutes

- The minutes from the January 9, 2008 meeting were presented. Cheryl Hoffman made a motion to accept the minutes and Eric Fisher seconded the motion, which passed 4:0.

III. Public Comment/Correspondence

- No members of the public attended. Concerns have been heard regarding the weight of snow on the roof. Doug Bullen stated that we have had melt-off recently, and the 6-8" of snow is not a problem, but he would look at it again. The collapse that occurred years ago was due to footings kicking-out. The rink now has a continuous footing that supports itself.
- Pam Appleton is looking forward to assisting the committee
- A baby –changing station was mentioned as a possible addition
- More notice regarding community events and clarification of age limits (teen night) were mentioned.

IV. Budget Update

- Mike Lynch presented the schedule showing YTD 2007 (12/31 end) revenue of \$46.6K and expenses of \$43.5 numbers. General supplies of \$10.6K included a large non-recurring expense of \$6.0K for new water heaters. The schedule shows YTD 2008 revenue of \$70.9K and expenses of \$26.7K. A one-time charge of \$6.5K for equipment acquired from ORYA during the transfer in management is included in the 2008 expenses. The numbers are looking great and Andy Buckman was complimented.

V. Facility Update

- Doug Bullen stated that he and Andy Buckman have been reviewing the 2006 Energy Audit recommendations for possible upcoming projects.
- Andy Buckman is reviewing the list from the refrigeration contractor (Joe Jackson) for potential off-season work.
- Mike Lynch stated that when we get into the warmer weather, condensation becomes an issue, leading to rusting. An insulation process for the beams may be reviewed which might double as a paint job.
- Currently, the plan is to remain open until March 29th. Staying open longer may be discussed.

VI. Rink Manager's Report

- Evaluation of current volume, points to not being able to make-up for the late opening by staying open later.

VII. Old Business

- New fundraising opportunities were mentioned, such as activities during the summer months. Lacrosse and Baseball using the facility was discussed. The fact that the use would be last minute for weather reasons, it would be difficult to manage staffing.
- More community events are possible
- Saturday nights for adult and teen nights.
- Better visibility via the Web would be helpful.
- More hourly-renters for off-hours would be beneficial.
- Reaching out to groups such as ORYA, ORPP, seniors, schools.
- A list of policy issues were reviewed for consideration.
- The rate for next year needs to set very soon.
- Road signage was mentioned.

VII. New Business

- The Capital Improvement Plan was discussed, to include: facility upgrades such as locker rooms, entranceway, and glass.
- New opportunities like curling and figure skating were discussed, as well as approaching Newmarket Rec to see if they would like to have a Learn to Skate.

There being no further business to discuss, Rick Szilagyi made a motion to adjourn. Cathy Leach seconded the motion, which passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM.