

Churchill Rink Advisory Committee

Wed. Nov. 12, 2008

6 p.m.

Durham Public Works Dept-Stone Quarry Drive, Durham

Members present: Mike Lynch, Doug Bullen, and Andy Buckman, DPW; Cathy Leach-Town Council representative; Pam Appleton, Mike Mullaney-citizens, absent: Eric Fisher, Cheryl Hoffman-citizens

I. Approval of Agenda

At 6:15pm, Cathy Leach called the meeting to order.

II. Public comment/correspondence

Cathy Leach mentioned that a resident asked whether we might consider offering a season pass or "punch card" for pick up hockey. Andy Buckman is not in favor of a season pass. He indicated that the \$6.00 fee for pick up hockey is a good deal. He often has to turn people away from the pick up games, and he is concerned that it would be difficult to turn away those who may come late, but have a season pass.

Cathy Leach also reported on an email received by the town administrator requesting that we consider scheduling some of the special events earlier in the evening. Dec. and Feb. vacation may be a time to schedule earlier events for younger children.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 8th were presented. Mike Mullaney made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed 3-0.

IV. Budget Report

A budget report was distributed that showed current income and expenses, as well as budget projections for 2008-2009 skating season.

V. Rink Manager Report/ Facility Report

Skating has begun on "good ice". Andy reported that he looked into the website and the town can host it. Churchillrink.com is available if we want to buy that name. Andy will continue working with the town's CIS coordinator.

New parking lot is in and makes the rink more visible from Rt. 4. There will be crosswalks marked, and limited parking will be available at the lower level by the water.

VI. Old Business

Banner sales-Checks have been found for paid businesses. Four businesses remain outstanding. Pam will follow up.

Community Events-Halloween skate had about 35 people. Teen skate had only 7 skaters. Public Relations-Schedule was distributed through ORYA, the DPW newsletter, Foster's, the Mast Way and Moharimet PTO newsletters, and Channel 22. Cathy asked the group for further ideas on how to get rink info out to middle school and high school students. The committee discussed possibly purchasing a town banner to hang above Main Street that could advertise rink events, or the opening each fall.

VII. New Business

Mike Mullaney stated that now is the time to think about off season income opportunities. Cheryl Hoffman is back and will be invited to the Dec. meeting.

There begin no further business to discuss, the Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.