

## *HOLLIS RECREATION COMMISSION*

March 1, 2017

Attendees: Dave Belanger, Kyle Gillis, Frank Cadwell, Robbin Dunn, Russ Rogers, Jake Balfour  
Guest: Kathy Grossman

The meeting was opened at 7:02pm.

Motion to approve the February 1, 2017 minutes by Dave Belanger, 2nd by Russ Rogers.

APPROVED

Kathy Grossman came to update rec on the adult volleyball program. She will remind people to sign up on line.

I am reporting on the status of the Adult Rec Volleyball program.

As I reported last year, we play at the Hollis Brookline Middle School during the school year. We play from 7 – 9:30 pm every Tuesday night in the school gymnasium. During the summer, we play at the Sand Volleyball courts at the Brookline Ball Field. Our format is co-ed pickup, with anybody able to come on any Tuesday. We have anywhere from 6 to 20 men and women playing. When we have the larger numbers, we switch to two nets next to each other if we are in the gym, so people don't have to wait to play (since one net can only accommodate 12 people).

Although there have been some staffing changes at the school starting when Penny Arsenault left early this school year, we have been able to play most weeks from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 11/29 in the MPR in the fall and in the gym since then. We prefer the gym for many reasons, including safer floor surface, room for 2 nets, more room outside of court to chase after balls, and better sound.

Kyle Gillis has been responsive to my emails when I've had a scheduling question and even offered us the use of the HS mini gym when there was a sports night. One night we had to move to the mini gym due to a basketball practice, and Kyle and Brian Bumpus quickly cleared up that problem too. Kyle also connected us with a person who wanted to play with us who is now a regular player.

This year is much better than last, but I still feel like I need to be a bit of a sleuth to find out if we will be bumped from using the gym. We have to keep up with whether school has been cancelled due to snow and when the scheduled school breaks are, which is fine because that is easily found on the school website. We have one player with kids in the middle school who gave us a heads-up that there would be a sports night one Tuesday, and a chorus concert another Tuesday. It would be nice to get advanced notice of those types of scheduling issues, since we don't always have someone with a child in grades 7 and 8. Melissa Hildreth did email me one day ahead of time about the sports award night, but by that time we'd already figured it out. We never did get a notification about the chorus concert.

I'm not clear on whether the school gym & MPR schedule that Penny Arsenault shared with me is still to be used. It wasn't updated for the chorus concert or sports awards or anything I could see. For example, I read in the local paper that next Tuesday March 7th there will be a school budget voting meeting in the MPR, but that is not listed on the schedule.

The more consistent playing time this year has helped our attendance, since they know to just show up every Tuesday that it's not a snow day.

The only other issue is that the janitors now lock the doors at 8, so anybody who comes late pounds on the door for a while or tries to call one of us who has left their phone on.

Thank you for all the work you do to provide fun sports activities for the townspeople of Hollis.

Kathy Grossman

Kathy presented a program called Ultimate Low Key Frisbee.

Ultimate Low-Key Frisbee

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Two years ago, I started a group called “Old-Fogey Ultimate Frisbee” for people that wanted to play Ultimate Frisbee but didn’t want young people running circles around them. It turns out there were younger people who wanted the same thing, so we have renamed it to “Ultimate Low-Key Frisbee”. There are 30 people on my distribution list, and between 4 and 14 people show up each week, with an average of 8. The players mostly come from Hollis, Brookline, and Nashua. We emphasize fun, skill-building, team cooperation, and good sportsmanship. In fact, one of the main rules of Ultimate Frisbee is “Spirit of the Game”. This spirit of sportsmanship places a responsibility for fair play on the player. It encourages competitive play, but never at the expense of mutual respect among competitors, adherence to the agreed upon rules, or the basic joy of play.

We work on trying to get all players included, spreading out the throws to teammates, and complementing each player on good skills, no matter which team they are on. We also focus on injury avoidance, to the point that some people must back off on their skills in order to make sure other less skilled people do not get hurt. Since

that is not a standard that all athletes can adhere to, players are asked by word-of-mouth rather than open invitation to the public.

We have been scrounging to find field spaces in the Lawrence Barn area. We've been able to play every week of nice weather, but sometimes we go on a field that is booked by a team and have to move when they arrive. It would be nice if there is some place online I could check each week to see what fields are not booked, so we could grab a corner somewhere that nobody is using.

Thank you,  
Kathy Grossman

Dave Belanger, Motion to add Ultimate Low Key Frisbee to the adult rec. programs, 2nd by Jake Balfour.

APPROVED

Update on Hardy South:

Have copies of permits. Will meet with Doug Orde and Rick from Anrik. Will have irrigation on Hardy South. Authorized to use up to \$20,000.00 from the facilities funds. May need to use \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. A fence will be installed.

Agriculture and update on Stefanowicz property. 2/16/17 met with the Agriculture and sub-conservation committee.

Met with Travis Spaulding. Reviewed contract for the 2017 season.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:16pm by Jake Balfour, 2nd by Frank Cadwell.

Submitted by Robbin Dunn

