

Belmont Recreation Commission Minutes of Meeting of January 9, 2007

Attendance:

Daniel MacAuley	Robert Delhome
Stephanie King	Neal Fay
Noreen Millane	

7:13 p.m. Meeting Called to Order

John Madden attended the meeting to register his concern about idle hours at the skating rink which were reserved for Belmont Youth Hockey but never used. This has had a negative effect on his business operation at the snack bar.

The Recreation Commission then reviewed a list of dates and times which BYHA did not utilize their scheduled ice time. Commission members expressed concern over this issue and would like to meet with Youth Hockey Board members at the February meeting.

A brief discussion was held on the possibility of updating the music system at the rink.

The Director updated members on all current programs, including:

- The first scheduled ski trip, January 6, was postponed due to poor ski conditions and bad weather. The Department hopes to resume this Saturday, Jan. 13.
- Most skating lessons are filled to capacity, attendance at swim lessons has increased since the first session.
- The Dolphins swim team's schedule this year puts them at home for only 3 of their nine meets. We will need to discuss this with Coach Meaghan Dillon and see that we do not have this kind of lopsided schedule in the future. Transportation costs are a major concern with this program.
- The rink broke down Saturday due to warm weather which forced postponement of only 1 class on Saturday but both on Sunday afternoon. We will attempt to hold these classes at the end of the session.

The Director reported that planning has begun for spring and summer programs and that key people are being contacted to see if they plan to return.

A brief discussion was held on the upcoming FY08 budget

The director reported revenues for the current fiscal year and we are slightly ahead of FY06 pace.

Members reviewed a letter from Peter Castanino discussing damage done during the microburst which occurred late last spring.

8:38 p.m. Meeting Adjourned