

Scandia Park and Recreation Committee Minutes
Monday, February 2, 2009
7:00-9:00 pm

Members Present: Karen Schik, Edward Ruf, Joan Benner, Mike Goeken, Dan Skupien, Tom Vogen, Tom Triplett, Matt Rasmussen, Alex Bildeaux, Tom Vogen

Members Absent: Dan Skupien,

Guests: Anne Hurlburt, Pete Crum, Marty McKelvey

1. **Call to Order** 8:01 pm
2. **Minutes of January** meeting not available, will approve next meeting
3. **Pete Crum** was introduced as the City Council liason to the P&R Committee.
4. **Officer Elections:** Karen Schik and Alex Bildeaux were nominated for Chair. The vote was 4 to 4 and was decided by a coin toss. Alex will be Chair and Karen Vice-Chair for 2009. Dan Skupien will be asked to continue as Secretary, with Joan Benner as back up when he is absent. Karen was thanked for her year of service and Alex was welcomed for 2009.
5. **Open Gym** was reported to be a big success with lots of community interest, a thank you letter from participants will be forwarded to the Lions who helped fund the program. Mike stated there was interest in more Saturdays being available.
6. **Vinterfest** last minute details were reviewed including schedules and supplies.
7. The proposed **Park Rules** were reviewed through #10. Anne has sent out a copy of revisions that were made so far. A discussion about allowing dogs in Wind in the Pines Park will continue at the next meeting. Tom T. reported that many people have talked to him about this at Friends events, and seem to support dogs in the park. Concerns include the proximity to the DNR wildlife area where dogs are not permitted, lack of patrolling to enforce leash laws.
8. **2009 Summer Recreation plans** were reviewed with Marty McKelvey. She has outlines proposed summer programs at Camp Lakamaga, including several new family programs. She will continue with discussions with Camp Lakamaga, and prices for the programs were discussed.
9. Marty was also present to discuss the question of whether the city should sponsor a **softball league** which would play on Sunday nights, August through October, coed slow pitch at the Lions Lighted Ball Field. A subcommittee was formed to further discuss recommendations – Marty, Matt, Alex and Mike.
10. **Dodge ball tournament** will be organized for Taco Daze by Dan and Matt.
11. **Skateboard equipment** decisions were put on hold as the \$5,000 budget item may not be available due to budget cuts.

12. **Friends of Scandia Trails and Parks** will report at March meeting.
13. **2008 accomplishments and 2009 goals** will be discussed in March.
14. Suggestion to have a **sports equipment swap** in spring and fall was briefly discussed with no action taken.
15. **Meeting adjourned** 9:08 pm
16. **Next meeting** March 2, 2009. 7-9 pm.