



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF TOWN OF WALLKILL INC.**

Serving Northern Orange & Sullivan Counties

Full Board Meeting: September 16, at 5:30pm

Held at: FOCUS Media, 10 Matthews Street, Goshen

Present: Michael Swensen, Michael Flynn, Tony Morino, Sharon Jankiewicz, Karen Fisher, Steve Plain, Mike Paduch, Chrissy Schiff, Sean Rieber, Brian Powers

Michael Swensen gaveled the meeting into session at 5:35pm.

Tony and Steve discussed the two prospective Board members, Empire Resorts' Charlie Degliomini and Revere Smelting & Refinery's Ralph DeVito. Both men are accomplished professionals who bring significant Board experience, and both of their employers are strong contributors. Tony motioned to accept them for Board membership. Steve seconded. Unanimous.

The Board reviewed the following Summer Camp Wrap-Ups:

Town of Wallkill Summer Day Camp 2013 Recap

The 2013 TOW Summer Camp Season was a successful one! We served over 356 campers throughout the summer, with a total of 795 sessions.

Additionally, our Before Camp Program had 58 registered members, while our After Camp Program had 93 members.

Looking forward into next year, we are always looking for ways to improve upon our own performance to give our campers a better summer experience. One thing we are focused on improving for the campers is our food program. The only option currently available for campers is to bring a bagged lunch or purchase lunch from the "snack shack", which serves hot dogs, pizza, nachos and hot pretzels for lunch, along with candy, chips and soda. We would like to see a food program that not only offers the campers healthier options for lunch but is also affordable for the parents.

In regards to our successes, I believe we offered the campers a summer experience which is hard to find elsewhere. Our greatest success this year was our staffing. The individuals whom we retained from prior years and recruited as new hires were exceptional.

Having an 8-week long, routined program has the possibility to become daunting for the staff and lackluster for the campers. However, the staff, many of whom are studying education in college or a related field, kept the kids engaged and interested throughout the camp season. They were attentive to the campers needs and sought not just to be their day care provider for the summer but to make a difference. Because our staff was inviting, personable and experienced our campers formed bonds which I believe will bring them back next year and for many summers to come. Overall, it was a great summer season!



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While we still have some improvements to be made, I believe we are successfully meeting the mission of the Boys & Girls Club.

Kate Cummings, TOWSDC Head Director

Town of Mamakating Summer Day Camp 2013 Recap

We had 358 registered campers this year. We had more than 80 registered members of the Before Camp Program, and more than 100 in the After Camp Program.

Through our partnership with the Monticello Schools, we served over 14,000 meals this summer.

Campers were introduced to hiking, storytelling, the history and making of Piñatas. We had several specialty days: Crazy Hat Day, Teddy Bear Picnic, Halloween in July, an ice cream social (ice cream and all supplies donated by Stewarts), we celebrated the anniversary of Woodstock with tie dye day and a DJ dance party and the last day was our annual talent show.

Our field trips included Claws and Paws animal Park, Party Zone USA, Jumpin Jakes and Quinz Pinz for the Pee Wees and Fort Delaware, a Renegades baseball game, The Castle and Ice Time for ice skating for main camp.

Next year I would like to look into changing the Pee Wee group to make two groups: 4-5 years old and 6-7 years old.

I now understand the feeding program better and next year I would like to make sure that the Monticello School district follows the calendar of menu offerings, since this was the chief complaint from parents on the end-of-summer survey.

Karen Juers, TOMSDC Camp Administrator

Alexis updated the Board on the new Club in the Liberty Elementary, and the upcoming Town of Rockland schools, as well as an update on enrollment so far this year. We are ahead of last year's enrollment in every program, including the Liberty Elementary program.

Alexis updated the Board on Corporate Color Wars, the upcoming 20th Anniversary Gala and the 20th Anniversary Celebration Sponsorships.

The Board then had an interactive 1.5 hour presentation from BGCA's Alan Brostoff, about Board responsibilities to development and fundraising, and began to work with Alan on plans for an annual appeal plan and timeline.

Tony motioned to close the meeting at 8:05pm, Mike Paduch seconded. Unanimous.



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TOWBGC Annual Board of Trustees Meeting: Monday, December 16 at 6:00pm

FOCUS Media, 10 Matthews Street, Goshen

Present: Michael Swensen, Tony Morino, Sharon Jankiewicz, Karen Fisher, Steve Plain, Mike Paduch, Sean Rieber, Brian Powers, Charlie Degliomini, Ralph DeVito

Before the meeting, Alexis raffled off ornaments to each Board member. Each ornament contained an invitation to join the Clubs at a specific Club in January and February 2014– one for each Board member!

Michael Swensen gaveled the meeting to order at 6:10pm and welcomed new BGC Board members Empire Resorts' Charlie Degliomini and Revere Smelting & Refinery's Ralph DeVito. Michael Swensen also recognized retiring Board member Michael Flynn for his years of service.

Michael also announced the resignation of James Hanson from the Board of Directors, citing Hanson's move to the state of FL.

Michael Swensen then presented the 2014 Slate of Officers:

- Tony Morino, Board Chair
- Karen Fisher, Vice Chair
- Sharon Jankiewicz, Board Treasurer
- Brian Powers, Board Secretary
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Steve Plain motioned to accept the slate. Sean Rieber seconded. Unanimous.

Michael Swensen, Tony and Alexis brought the Board up-to-speed on the new building in Circleville Park. The Town is proposing the Clubs rent the administrative building and be responsible for renting out the gymnasium facility. The details will be worked out over several meetings between our Board and their Board in Q1 2014.

Alexis outlined the Town of Rockland opening, and the difficulty the Clubs are having finding staff for just three days per week, 2.5 hours each day. The Board brainstorming that ensued left Alexis seeking out school substitute teachers, and increasing the hourly pay in an attempt to attract more candidates.

Alexis and Michael Swensen gave an update on "The Giving Tree" which has grown from serving 25 children to 500 children this year, through holiday gifts, clothing and bedding. More than 20 locations participated in Sullivan and Orange Counties.



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Michael Swensen provided all Board members with a copy of the 2012 Audit. Discussion ensued about ensuring the Audit is completed by the end of the summer 2014.

Alexis and Tony reviewed the 2013 Board giving campaign, which had 10 of 12 members making a personal gift. Tony indicated the importance of every Board member making a person gift in 2014.

Alexis reviewed the 2014 Development plan with the Board of Directors.

The Board then reviewed the 2014 Budget. Michael Swensen motioned to accept the budget.

Sharon seconded. Unanimous.

Susan Ketron from Boys & Girls Clubs of America then led a 1.5 hour discussion about the importance of a strong Development plan, and the need for the Board to lead an annual appeal and individual giving campaign, in addition to the work being done by the staff.

Charlie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Sharon seconded. Unanimous.



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