



CITY OF SPEARFISH

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Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Advisory Board MINUTES for MONDAY AUG. 17

Board Members present: Eric Hanson, Barb Cline, Brian Meyer, Karen Hahn and Kendra Apland. Staff present: Keith Hepper, Alecia Hoffman, Kelly Elletson, Jeana Wintersteen and Kris Garlick. Also present: Dillon Haug and Councilman Paul Young. Absent: Charlie Neilson, Kris Hayes, Eric Davis and Jerry Hargis.

- 1. Fall schedule** – Activities for youth, 5th - 9th grade, will be offered after school each week, Monday through Friday, beginning Aug. 26. Cost will be free to members and \$3 for non-members. Some scheduled activities include water sports the first week, then a movie and Monday night football, board games and crafts, Wii competitions, team sports and Friday Fun Days. Tutoring could be made available. Will work with school district. (If so, Kendra Apland volunteered to assist).
- 2. Membership information** – The 2009 budget report shows the SRAC has utilized its budget. Projections made by Ballard and King are in some areas 20 percent under cost. Plans are underway to finalize a 2010 budget. Meetings will be held the week of Aug. 24.
 - * Memberships renewals will begin in October. One year ago when the SRAC opened, a host of one-year contracts were signed and now they are due to expire. A renewal drive will be launched soon.
 - Future considerations – should automatic month-to-month contracts be offered to members at sign-up and take effect at the end of their annual contract.
 - SRAC membership rates will go up next year, Jan. 1, 2010.
- 3. Fundraising** – Some suggestions have been made to conduct fundraisers to benefit the SRAC, including a fall festival and haunted house. SPRFA Board members noted a handful of events that may be a slight inconvenience to SRAC members is not unreasonable, but did recommend a survey be sent to get feedback from the members.
 - * Considerations – look at the hours of operation to reduce expenses, but don't renege on contracts already implemented. Next year, the water park may need to look at closing when school starts or do an abbreviated schedule due to lifeguards/concession/front desk workers returning to school before closing Labor Day weekend.
- 4. Parks update from Keith-** Fifty percent of the rock wall on state and grant street will be redone this year.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT NOON MONDAY, SEPT. 21, 2009
Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center Party Room**

