



Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Monthly Activity Report

February 2016

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Abenaki Ski Area was able to survive the lack of snow from Mother Nature with our man-made snow thanks to our incredible staff! They worked long and late hours to have the hill ready for all the winter carnival events. Most people were surprised that we were able to have the Progressive Dinner because there was limited snow around town, unless you headed to Abenaki! Hockey teams were in full swing in February and it is a rare day that the facility was not bustling with practices, and a full slate of games.



We were able to hold our Winter Carnival Events on our man-made snow! Our staff put in lots of hours and made it happen.

over 600 people registering and taking part in Winter Carnival events, over 494 skier visits during the week, and 200+ non-skier spectators taking part in events such as bouncy houses, fireworks and more at Abenaki on Saturday, February 27th. It was lower from last year, however we were not open a full week due to weather!



Abenaki Ski Area celebrated its 80th season in 2016. The Fireworks were spectacular!

The Abenaki Winter Triathlon was a success this year despite having to alter the course. Our Progressive XC Ski Dinner sold out a month ahead of time and we had 58 people on the waiting list.

Winter Carnival events kept us busy throughout the month—whether planning and partnering with community groups to host events, publicizing the events, and hosting them here at Abenaki at the end of the month. We had a great turnout with

Participants by Program

- Progressive XC Ski Dinner: 133 (sold out with 58 on waiting list)
- Abenaki Winter Triathlon: 25 individuals and 3 teams = 34 total people
- Little Air and Big Air: 75 participants
- Abenaki Ski-a-thon: 22
- Ski and Snowboard Races: 77 participants
- American Legion Skating Party: 125
- Ski Movie: 20
- Abenaki Ski Team, Freestyle: 32
- Abenaki Ski Team, Racing: 27
- Ski Lessons: 33
- Pancake Breakfast (at Lodge): 200+
- Fireworks: 200+
- Total program registrations/attendees for February 2016: 978+

Administrative/Program Division

- New Assistant Director was hired and trained
- Weekly Bill Manifest
- Weekly Payroll
- Attended Department Heads meeting
- Oversaw all customer service, operations, ice time sales, scheduling, events and staffing at Pop Whalen Ice Arena.
- Oversaw all customer service, operations, rentals, food service, scheduling, events and staffing at Abenaki Ski Area.
- Coordinated maintenance of Terrain Park with snowmakers and groomers
- Planned and Implemented February Winter Carnival Events
 - Progressive XC Ski Dinner
 - Abenaki Winter Triathlon
 - Abenaki Ski a thon
 - Ski Races
 - Big Air Contest
 - Ski Movie Night
 - Carnival events—bouncy houses, games, obstacle courses, etc...
 - Fireworks
 - Recruited and managed dozens of volunteers, Judges and Course Workers
 - Secured donations of food and prizes for events
 - Did all set up and tear down for all events
- Arranged for publicity for Winter Carnival:
 - Banner on Main St
 - Facebook
 - Rave cards
 - Posters
 - Radio spots
 - Press releases
 - website
- Met with Lions Club members concerning Progressive XC Ski Dinner.
- Attended Deliberative Session and presented information on Abenaki Capital Reserve Fund and Foss Hut Fund.
- Made parking plan for Winter Events where we forecasted that parking lot would overflow.
- Oversaw ski and snowboard lessons.
- Advertised for Admin. Assistant position and selected applicants for Interviews.
- Met with volunteer coordinator for Progressive XC Ski Dinner.
- Met with School to Work Coordinator to plan Student volunteer internships.
- Attended multiple Selectmen's meetings concerning Department business.
- Set summer staff training schedule and program dates.

Capital Projects

- Met with Eagle Scout to discuss the Tennis Hut Project
- Talked with Dave Ford about Old Lodge and Tennis Hut Projects

PR and Communications

- Bi-weekly press releases.
- Bi-weekly email communications to our mailing list.
- Updated website with photos, reports and videos. Updated Pop Whalen and Abenaki sites with upcoming season information.
- Participated in Curling Program for Community TV Program.

- Maintained Department Facebook page with 1,134 members.
- Presented Warrant Article information for Community TV program.

Maintenance

- Weekly staff meetings
- Weekly billing
- Weekly ice maintenance
- Weekly fire system serviced (arena)
- Daily grooming of ski area
- Daily Arena cleaning, general maintenance
- Zamboni repairs
- No hot water in Zamboni room
- Plowing all properties, shoveling, sand, salt
- Albee beach alarm- Men's door broken into
- Snowmaking hours- estimated 195 hours
- Parking cars during high capacity events
- Collection of pallets and wood for Winter Carnival bonfires
- Assist on all events during vacation week
- Lobby doors adjusted by Granite State Glass
- Gave all DES water reports to Town Water Dept.
- Assist with Winter Triathlon & Progressive Dinner
- Full day at Winter Carnival, ending with fireworks display
- Repairs to vehicles