

Town of Isle La Motte Recreation Department 2013 Annual Report

The mission of the Isle La Motte Recreation Department is to develop recreation programs for the benefit of both sexes and all ages, support recreation and parks activities and appoint committees to undertake various projects.

During the calendar year 2013 the Recreation Department accomplished the following:

1. We sponsored the third annual Isle La Motte 5K Run in July. This year the venue was changed with the race beginning and ending at historic Saint Anne's Shrine. Our number of runners increased significantly and all were very pleased with the now certified course. As in prior years the race was dependent on our great and devoted volunteers, most of whom were repeaters. Special thanks goes out to the Isle La Motte Rescue and the Grand Isle Sherriff Department. We are particularly thankful to Saint Anne's Shrine for hosting the event on its grounds. We have already set plans in motion for the 2014 race. Saint Anne's Shrine has offered to again host the event, provide T-Shirts, and seek out additional runners and volunteers from Saint Michael's College.
2. This year we placed new soccer goals on the recreation field. The goals saw much use by both the Camp Woodmen and the Isle La Motte School in the fall. Special thanks goes out to Bill Delisle, owner of B D Plumping of North Hero and his family for volunteering their time and equipment assembling the goals.
3. This year we placed Christmas lights on the large evergreen on the recreation field. We underestimated the lights by one string but that will be done for next year. Again, special thanks go out to Bonneville Brothers Construction for volunteering their time and equipment putting up the lights.
4. We were awarded one grant this year: A \$500 dollar Helping Hands grant came from the Allstate foundation.

For this coming year, the Vermont Lake Monsters have scheduled us to run a 50/50 raffle during their Sunday August 17th game. This could be a significant fund raiser for the Recreation Department. We will be seeking volunteers to assist on that day. It would be nice to have as many Isle La Motte residents attend the game as possible.

We are planning to purchase equipment to line the recreation field for different sports and hopefully improve the field in other ways.

The Recreation Departments from all of the towns in the islands are meeting to pursue swimming lessons and other activities to engage our youth.

We would like to send out a mass mailing to the residents of Isle la Motte seeking donations of any amount. The Recreation Department is not funded by taxpayer revenue.

Lastly, it would be great to have people come forward offering time and ideas to make the Recreation Department successful. We have to start planning now for the July 19th 5K Race. It takes time to make sure it will be a great event. We feel there are many opportunities which Isle La Motte can take advantage of both for our youth and all residents.

Officers: Paul Hinman-Chair

Betsy Howland-Treasurer