

## Town of Isle La Motte Recreation Department 2014 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 2014 the Recreation Department accomplished the following:

- 1) We sponsored the fourth annual Isle La Motte 5K Run in July. The venue again was at historic Saint Anne's Shrine. Our number of runners increased significantly and is now approaching 200 runners. This year we were very pleased to be cosponsored by Saint Anne's Shrine. The partnership will continue in 2015 and we have now additionally entered into a relationship with Run Vermont which organizes the great Vermont City Marathon. 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 2015 race. Saint Anne's Shrine has offered to again host the event, provide T-Shirts, food and beverage and the race clock.
- 2) This year we purchase several multi-sports balls for use on the Recreation Field. A new field liner was purchased for use by both the Rec Dept. and the Isle La Motte School. New running race software was purchased and this year the electric line for the Christmas tree on the Rec field was buried in conduit. Additional lights were also bought for the tree.
- 3) We conducted a 50/50 raffle during the Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> Lake Monsters game. Many thanks to Sharron and Chris (salesman extraordinaire) Smith for helping at the raffle. Saint Anne's Shrine purchased a significant number of tickets for the event.
- 4) Among the many businesses who have contributed to the Recreation Department this year are Inn At The Isles, Ruthcliffe Lodge and Restaurant, Hero's Welcome, Complete Septic, Bonneville Construction, DC Energy, Harborside, Hannafords and Price Chopper.
- 5) 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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