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CITY OF YACHATS

January 20, 2016

TO: CITY OF YACHATS, FRIENDS OF THE COMMONS,
CC: LEON STERNER
FROM: YACHATS EXERCISE GROUP
RE: SCHEDULING CONFLICTS

This morning we were notified—at 7 a.m.—that the Watersheds Council would be using the Commons and that therefore, the exercise class for today was cancelled. The notification was by phone to Andrea, who then sent out an email to the class.

This is simply not acceptable. The exercise class meets three times a week, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone pays \$2 each time. There are between 20 and 30 people in the group, which yields \$6,240 - \$9,360 a year to help support the Commons. That is not an insignificant amount!

We have cooperated with requests to give up the gym because of renters who “pay.” For example, in the fall, we are out of the building for about ten days for a church group. We know about this in advance and are able to arrange to use the Lions Hall. We donate our \$2/person to the Lions during this period.

Occasionally we have also been asked to give up our use of the building for a day when another group wants to rent it. Generally, we just skip the work-out for that one day. We have been willing to do this in a spirit of cooperation, although it rankles every time it happens.

However, being notified on the morning of an event that the room will not be available is NOT acceptable. It’s disrespectful and causes inconvenience since not everyone is able to check their email in the morning. Some people come to class from Waldport or Ten Mile. Andrea drives in from ten miles up the Yachats River.

We understand that Leon has a lot of responsibilities to deal with and mistakes can be made, but it is NOT acceptable to expect us to look at the calendar to determine that our regularly scheduled event has been bumped. At the time that a reservation is accepted which causes a user conflict, there should be a written notice provided to the contact person for the cancelled activity. This should be automatic. It would be nice, in fact, if we were at least asked if we are willing to cancel our class.

The Commons is a convenient location but it is not the only location. If this ever happens again, we will seriously consider switching to the Lions for our exercise class and the Commons can then look for "paying" renters to make up the \$6,240-\$9,360 that they will lose.

Thank you for your consideration.

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