

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE
RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
TOWN MEETING ROOM, 23 EDMONT ROAD**

Members present:

Nick Grant, Chair
Dan Whitmoyer, Co-Chair
Charleen Osborne
Ian Kirk

Attendees present:

Steve Bourque, Rec Coordinator
Sophie Bourque, Rec Committee Student Representative
Izzy Correa, Rec Committee Student Representative
Brenda Balenger

I. Call to Order

Chair Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. C. Osborne, former Chair, leading transition of Chair position to N. Grant.

II. Approval of Minutes from January and February 2024

C. Osborne moved to accept the minutes from the January and February 2024 Recreation Committee meetings as written. D. Whitmoyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Current Initiatives

A. Recreation Assessment Results

The Committee discussed the results of the Recreation Assessment, including the associated comments. They agreed on the importance of sharing the results with the community and discussed how to do this, and which information was important to highlight. They decided to create Facebook posts to share the information.

B. Warrant Article Update

Chair Grant reported the ad will appear in the Shopper on March 9, 2024. He sent a Letter to the Editor to the InterTown Record.

C. Scholarship Review

Steve Bourque said the scholarship documentation needs to be reviewed and approved by the Selectboard. There is approximately \$3,000 in the fund. He would like to add funds from the Turkey Trot again this year. The Committee discussed

eligibility criteria and required documentation for the scholarships. They discussed the amount they would like to see in the fund and the number of scholarships to offer.

C. Osborne moved to approving moving \$3,000 from the Turkey Trot account to the Scholarship fund. D. Whitmoyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Friends of Sunapee Rec

C. Osborne reported the Friends of Sunapee Rec do not want to spend donated money on anything that could be deemed political in nature. They would rather spend funds on recreation programs. The Committee discussed programs that could benefit from this.

E. Turkey Trot Budget

Steve Bourque reported the Turkey Trot account is \$18,284.18. The Committee discussed what these funds are normally used for. They discussed how to use these funds, after moving \$3,000 to the Scholarship fund.

C. Osborne moved to approve \$1,302.25 for the ticket expense. D. Whitmoyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee agreed the balance of this fund will go to the donation account. Steve Bourque reviewed other amounts being withdrawn from the account.

F. Dewey Field Banners

Steve Bourque reported there is language that counsel wants to tighten up, including that regarding the cancellation period. This will be reviewed next week, and hopefully be presented to the Selectboard in April. He noted the date on the contract is listed as May 1, so there is a short timeframe to sell the banners.

G. Basketball Recap

Steve Bourque recapped the basketball season for the Committee. He reported that most teams competed in the post season and were pretty successful. He noted basketballs will be needed at the start of the next season.

H. Baseball Updates

Steve Bourque is advertising for sponsorships for uniforms. D. Whitmoyer reported there were free clinics over the prior weekend, with a good turnout. The Committee discussed equipment that is needed and when to purchase it. There was a softball pitching clinic held in February; Bonnie is trying to set up clinics on Wednesday mornings, depending on her schedule. They discussed repairs and updates needed at Dewey Field. They also discussed welcoming students from other towns onto Sunapee teams.

I. Camp / Beach Updates

Steve Bourque updated the Committee on hiring for beach positions. They reviewed comments received about beach attendants and agreed these issues should be addressed with the staff. They discussed balancing enforcing policies with the ability to attract/retain candidates.

J. Veterans Field

Steve Bourque reported any work needed will begin after soccer is finished. The Committee discussed the status of the piece of property owned by the state and the possibility of adding a bathroom trailer.

K. Vacant Slots

There are three vacant slots on the Committee. The Committee discussed possible candidates for these positions as well as the terms of current members. They discussed ways to attract more attendees to the meetings and noted the difficulty finding volunteers.

L. Recreation Website

Chair Grant will follow up with Ms. Traeger for an update on the website. Steve Bourque mentioned the possibility of switching to CivicRec and the benefits of doing this.

M. Pickleball

Steve Bourque said there is a possibility of adding pickleball if he can find a projector to project the lines onto the gym floors at Sherburne and the high school.

IV. Adjournment

C. Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting. D. Whitmoyer seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hanggeli
Recording Secretary