Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes 11/13/18

Opening

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on 11/13/18 in the Town Hall Meeting Room by Charleen Osborne.

Present

Scott Blewitt, Charleen Osborne, Dan Hayward, Ed Winters, Tim Berube

Guests

Terry White, Jean Malloy

Boot Camp

Terry White and Jean Malloy came to the meeting to discuss keeping early morning boot camps open after the current instructor resigns on 11/20/18. There is a dedicated group of 20 people with other people dropping in to participate in boot camp. Terry and Jean wanted to find a solution to keep boot camps running while the permanent position of instructor was unfilled. Discussion about replacing the paid instructor, running and adult open gym in the morning, insurance implications, cost of certifying someone to run a boot camp (approx. \$100-400), who could have access and who would be responsible for equipment.

Motion by Ed Winters and seconded by Dan Hayward: Scott will call Primex to discuss what needs to be done to continue to run boot camps. All in favor

Membership

Missing minutes for September

Motion by Tim Berube and seconded by Dan Hayward to review minutes in reference to Charleen Osbornes renewal and to reaffirm committee decision. All in favor

Discussion about the number of permanent positions and alternates on the Recreation Committee.

Motion by Dan Hayward and Seconded by Tim Berube to limit the Recreation Committee to 5 members w/unlimited alternates. Tabled

Registration Policy

The Town Manager made a request for the committee to clarify current policy regarding late registrations and define a full roster. The current policy is to accept late registrations until teams have a full roster. Discussion about creating a policy that would allow the maximin number of kids play sports and be active while maintaining a positive experience for all participants. There was a further discussion on how to create an enforceable policy that can be easily understood by community members.

Motion Made by Charleen Osborne and seconded by Dan Hayward to define a full roster in Baseball at 15 players, Basketball at 10 players, 3/4 Soccer at 12 and 5/6 Soccer at 16 players. Motion Failed

Recommendation for Scott to call other towns and local schools to find more information on suggested roster sizes.

Dog Policy

Review of Town Policy regarding Dogs in public spaces. Leashed dogs are allowed at Veterans Field

Veterans Field Update

Pleasant Acres removed grass and spread infield mix on surfaces at both Dewey and Veterans fields.

Friends of Sunapee Recreation is working to receive status as a nonprofit and has been given a tax ID number by the State. Mike Terry and Charleen Osborne will open a bank account at Sugar River Bank. A meeting will be scheduled to swear in members of the board: Charleen Osborne, Mike Terry, Dan Hayward, Paul Scarron, Steve Marshall

Motion made by Ed Winter and seconded by Tim Berube: Scott Blewitt will present a warrant article to create a trust fund for Veterans Field. All in favor

Basket Ball Registration

Kindergarten = 13

1-2 = 14

The league will consist of teams from Sunapee, Newport, and Grantham League is discussing reducing the 5/6 boys' basketball size from 29.5 to 28.5

Open Gym will Start in December from 6-8 p.m. on Saturdays

Budget

2019 Budget for the Recreation Department is up \$10,000 from last year \$7500 of increase is to cover the expense of permits and engineering for cleaning of Georges Mills beach. The cleanup of glass during the summer was a temporary fix but not a permanent solution

\$1500 for police detail during fireworks

Some money to increase pay for referees to remain competitive with other towns and attract quality refs.

Coaches Policy

Discussion reviewed Code of Conduct for players, parents, and coaches Motion made by Tim Berube and seconded by Dan Hayward All coaches must sign the Code of Conduct at the beginning of each season. All in favor.

Turkey Trot

350 registered racers

Ad on WCNL

Motion made by Tim Berube and seconded by Dan Hayward that the Recreation Committee recommends the proceeds from the Turkey Trot go to the Veterans Field improvement project. All in favor

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. motion made by Tim Berube and seconded by Ed Winters. All in Favor. The next general meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on 12/11/18, in the Town Hall Meeting room.