

**Town of Sunapee: Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2023**

- **In Attendance:** Steve Bourque, Charleen Osborne, Jesse Socci, Tim Berbue, Dan Whitmoyer
  - **Guests:** None
- **Meeting called to order by Charleen at 6:02 PM (meeting held early due to Kearsarge Baseball League meeting).**
- **There was 1 motion made and approved, highlighted below.**
- **Meeting Minutes for December 2022 were unanimously approved. Motion by Charleen, seconded by Dan.**
- **Attached File(s): Donation account transfer explained**

**Topic 1: Youth Basketball and Open Gym Basketball**

- Have only played a few games so far due to holiday break and a snow out.
- The few games that have happened have been lopsided scores. It is being managed the best way that it can be, however unfortunately it keeps occurring.
- Steve mentioned that some fans have been rude towards officials. Sunapee Recreation would like to remind all parties that this is not okay and will not be tolerated. Steve asked for the committee's approval to send out a blanket email to all reminding them of appropriate behavior. The committee all agrees and an email will be sent.
- Tim asked about the Code of Conduct, which Steve stated was e-signed by all. He said that he would include that in the email.
- Steve also mentioned that fans need to remember that these refs are high school students who are helping out. It is incredibly difficult in these times to find people who are willing to officiate (and coach) youth sports, which is all the more reason why we need to respect the officials that we do have.
- Open Gym – Steve asked the committee's thoughts on having a HS Student staff Open Gym. Tim brought up that it is really tough to make that call due to the fact that even though you may have a very responsible student, HS students are very easily influenced and if an emergency were to occur it is putting them in a tough spot.
- It was mentioned that we could do a "supervise your own child" drop in basketball, where if the kids are under a certain age they must be with an adult, however this is tough as well because parents will still treat it as a "drop-off" and it puts the few parents that are there following the rules in an awkward spot because now they may feel responsible to watch over all the kids there.
- There was brief discussion about having 2 gyms, one for younger, another for older, however that idea was determined to be a no simply for staffing the gyms – we can hardly staff one.

- Steve mentioned that there were some folks that were asking him about gym time at the HS. He said that it was not his place to tell them if they can use the gym or not even when its free, and that is something that needs to be worked out with the school.

## **Topic 2: Sponsorship Donations**

- Steve provided an update that we now have 17 sponsors for baseball / softball season and that the responses have been overwhelmingly positive. Steve mentioned possibly doing a turkey trot type shirt with listing sponsors on the back to make sure they are all included.

## **Topic 3: Warrant Articles**

- Full time Recreation Director – Has Board of Selectman Approval.
- The non-financial impact article was changed by the Board of Selectmen to a 50K Capital Reserve Fund for Veterans Field. The board suggested this because it will have more meaning if the voters pass an article with money behind it, rather than just a “yes we want this” vote. This also has Board of Selectman Approval.
- Charleen is concerned that this could be the end of the Veterans Field Project if the vote fails.
- Committee members agree, however after some discussion there is not much we can do besides move forward with it and hope for the best. The committee knows and has said time and time again that these improvements are greatly needed, and wanted by the citizens who use Veterans Field, including the fact that the field is kind of an eye-sore in town, however historically the town does not want to vote to make any improvements to the area, or for Recreation in general.

## **Topic 4: Sugar River Bank Donations Account – Please see attachment for further detail.**

- Steve stated that the SRB account has not been used properly in the past and that they would like to transfer money from it to the Revolving / General fund so that Recreation no longer owes that fund money.
- The amount for the transfer will be \$97,619.66. This will leave the account with a balance of \$126,262.82.
- The balance for the scholarships fund is \$2,380.00.
- There was some discussion back and forth about how that account will be used moving forward.
- Steve is going to speak to the accountants to get a spreadsheet of those accounts to send out to the committee, which will detail the amount transferred.
- Charleen made a motion to approve the transfer of \$97,619.66 and reconcile the accounts. Jesse seconded the motion, all are in favor.

## **Topic 5: Other Updates**

- Camp sign-ups are ready to roll out, most likely Feb 1
- \$275 per child per week with a 40 camper a week limit
- 2 week cancelation period policy

- Payment plans are possible – please speak with Steve
- Summer jobs will be posted on the town site soon – please speak with Steve if interested.
- Working on finalizing the summer camp directors contract
- BB/SB sign-ups are live, 23 so far

Adjournment: 7:03PM Charleen made the motion / Tim seconded.

Next Meeting: February 7, 2023 at 5:30PM