

**Town of Sunapee: Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2021**

- **In Attendance:** Scott Blewit, Charleen Osborne, Dan Hayward, Samantha, Mellissa Trow, Jesse Socci
- **Meeting called to order by Charleen: 5:33PM.**
- **Meeting Ended: 6:46PM. Motioned by Jesse, Seconded by Dan.**
- **No votes or policy updates took place during this meeting**
- **Attachments: 1) Celia Osborne Girl Scout Pamphlet. 2) Topographical Site Plan of Veterans Field / Safety Services from 2/2018.**

**1) Meeting Minute Approvals**

- Meeting Minutes for January / February 2020, as well as July 2021 were reviewed. Small corrections were made. Melissa made a motion to approve, all, seconded by Dan. Approved.

**2) July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Recap**

- Scott stated that the watermelon race had a great turnout with 2 dozen racers and 75-100 spectators.
- Live music was cancelled due to inclement weather.
- Fireworks saw \$13,385 in sponsorships. This did not include boat tickets.
- Scott said he estimates another \$1,500 in boat tickets to be added. He is encouraging it go towards the Veterans Field Trust Fund
- Fire Association held the parade, it rained however it was still a great turnout.

**3) Camp Sunapee Update**

- To date Camp Sunapee has seen over 700 campers
- Everything is running smoothly and as planned
- Last day of camp is next Friday
- So far we have brought in \$74,500 in revenue, with an additional \$5 - \$7 K expected.
- Scott estimates \$80,000 in total revenue, \$50,000 in total expenses bringing in \$30,000 profit.
- \$25,000 was spent on wages and \$6,000 was spent on the bus in July.

**4) Fall / Winter Sports Update:**

- Everyone seems to be using Rec Desk smoothly for registrations. The program is working smoothly and getting good use. There are still a few folks registering the traditional way.

- So far there are 105 sign-ups for soccer at \$2,985 in revenue and 15 sign-ups for flag football (New) at \$435 in revenue.
- Scott stated that the new flag football will be Tues / Thurs after school
- Women's drop in basketball and Co-Ed drop in volleyball will begin this fall. These program offerings are resident driven. Dates and times are still T-B-D, Scott needs to check on a few possible scheduling conflicts first.
- Scott noted that he had a conversation with the superintendent a few weeks ago and the school is going to allow Recreation Activities to continue on school property as normal until there is a reason not to (Recreation was not permitted to use the school facilities in 2020 due to COVID concerns).

#### 5) Summer Sport Updates

<b>Sport / Activity</b>	<b>Participation</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
Swimming	117 Participants	\$3,480.00
Sailing	56 Participants	\$2,825.00
Jr. Adventure Camp	69 Participants	\$2,970.00
Baseball (13-18)	23 Participants	\$1,575.00
Baseball (Majors + Minors)	67 Participants	\$2,580.00
Tee Ball	43 Participants	\$1,210.00
Softball	14 Participants	\$370.00
Archery (N.E School of Archery)	18 Participants	\$630.00
Track & Field	24 Participants	\$590.00
<b>Total *(Including winter numbers dated from Jan. 21)</b>	<b>*1,412 Participants</b>	<b>*\$102,651</b>

Note: The numbers above do not reflect participants and revenue from the Turkey Trot or the Beach. COVID Year (2020) totals were 165 Participants and \$3,755 in revenue.

#### 6) Fitness Trail Update:

- See Pamphlet Attachment provided by Celia Osborne (approved renderings included in this).
- The Girl Scouts have officially approved Celia's project. She now has the required hours and is also going to achieve her G.S Silver award along with the Bronze award with her project.
- Celia is currently working on calling local contractors to see if they will help her get concrete for the footings.
- She met with Scott Hazleton regarding the install of the Fit Trail. She will speak with him again once she has contractors for the concrete in place.
- The equipment is being shipped and is expected around August 24<sup>th</sup> to the Highway Garage.
- Charlene expressed that the footings need to be dug by hand to avoid state permits

- Celia is hoping to have phone calls made by the end of the week, and is going to be looking for volunteers to help with the install.

#### **7) Veterans Field Update**

- Meeting in the harbor went well.
- The Pickleball group was in attendance. They have been very active and helpful during this process.
- The Pickleball group has stated that they would like to help us do some further research on engineering and grants. They believe they can help get the engineering costs down as well as help us with some grants that are available.
- Most of the members from that group are interested in joining the Friends of Rec Committee.
- Currently working on an overlay / layout to make the basketball court bigger to accommodate pickleball
- Charlene wants to make sure that we can also put up a tennis net to be able to make the court as multi-functional as possible.
- The long term goal is still to put up a pickleball court on Veterans Field for Phase 1, and then once Veterans Field is done to look at installing Tennis / Pickleball courts at another location in town.
- The drainage pipe needs to be cleaned out still prior to phase 1.
- Scott noted that a baseball coach was concerned about the placement of the new baseball field and said that the area does not drain well. The committee discussed this and it was determined that it will still be okay to go to that location because the master plan includes improved drainage updates to the whole field.
- Scott mentioned that a contractor went in and improved / cleaned out the drainage in 2007 and it helped significantly. He thinks that by improving / cleaning out again during this project, it will make the drainage even better.

#### **8) October Activities**

- Pumpkin People is coming to Sunapee! Similar to the pumpkin people in New London and the scarecrows in Grantham. This just includes our town and there will be Sunapee only prizes.
- Scott stated that there will be events going along with this, including pumpkin carving.
- Also looking into the possibility of a Food Truck Festival and events involving dogs (parades / fairs).
- Jesse stated that we should double check to make sure events involving dogs would be permitted by insurance.

#### **9) General Updates:**

- Scott noted that our Recreation Department has the most offerings in the local area by far. He said that the participation has been great and that there are still residents asking for more offerings.

- Charleen and Scott briefly discussed having an intern for next summer to assist with camp, data entry, paperwork and other tasks.
- The farmers market has been going very well. The number one complaint is that it is on multiple levels. The committee is going to discuss finding a location that is large enough to have all vendors in one level spot. We want to try and keep it in the harbor to support the local businesses.
- Registration for the Turkey Trot is off to a great start.
- Scott stated that he is looking into the possibility of more / improved storage. Looking into a garage with a loft on Dewy Field. So far the estimated size is 30 x 40 and is costing about \$72,000. Hoping that lumber prices continue to fall to aid in the cost. The committee agreed that this would be well worth it to help take care of our equipment so that it lasts as long as possible. This will also help to house possible future equipment such as an ATV (grooming fields) and Snowmobile (grooming trails).
- Scott stated that we have received a donation from Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center that included lifejackets to be used by recreation and at the boat launch. He stated that there is also the possibility of them donating baby gates, baby monitors and bike helmets to be given out to families in need. They have worked to obtain these safety products through grants.