

**Town of Sunapee: Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2020**

- **In Attendance: Scott Blewit, Charleen Osborne, Melissa Trow, Megan Oxland, Jesse Socci, Dan Hayward, Tim Berube.**
Guests: Celia Osborne
- **Meeting called to order by Charleen at 5:32PM**
- **Meeting Ended: Tim made a motion to end, seconded by Dan at 6:25PM**
- **There was 1 vote, no policy updates during this meeting. The vote is highlighted in the minutes below.**

Topic 1: COVID & Spring Sports

- Scott stated that we are really not able to make many choices at the moment, much of it is going to come after the state and local governments make their discussions on how to proceed.
- There is some discussion surrounding what to do if the season is cancelled. If the stay at home order is lifted it may be possible to do a friendly round robin tournament.
- Scott stated that he has a detailed record of everyone that has signed up for spring sports as well as what they paid and how much they paid, so if there is a cancellation it will be easy to go back and see if they want to donate their fee to Recreation, apply their credit to something else or be issued a re-fund.
- Scott stated that he did go ahead and order all equipment and uniforms needed for spring sports with the knowledge that they will get used eventually even if this season is cancelled. He said that paint-n-place was appreciative to receive the business since they probably will be deemed non-essential soon, and Scott said that he wanted to be able to beat the rush when everything did eventually open back up.
- There was a question about what we would do if we were allowed to operate but a particular family does not want to participate – Scott stated that a full re-fund would be issued.
- Scott stated that he is going to have the town manager put the 4th of July Fireworks on the Selectmen Agenda so that they can weigh in on how to proceed.
- Scott stated that he posted on Facebook that the playground is currently closed because it is not able to be cleaned and sanitized enough. Disc golf is currently open. The beach gate remains open.
- Scott stated that basketball court has been seeing a lot of activity, but nothing has been done about it yet.
- A question was asked about possible signage at the facilities stating their status based on COVID – Scott said that this is something that we can do if we want to.
- Charleen stated that when looking at the numbers – we need to be mindful that if someone has a second home in Sunapee and is currently working from home in

Sunapee and tests positive – it will not count as a Sunapee case it will count in their legal residence.

- Scott stated that he dressed up as the Easter Bunny and went around to homes that signed up to deliver eggs to children around town. This was a great event that took place over three different days and helped to cheer some of the Sunapee children up.
- Hopefully there will be more of an update by the end of the week this week.

Topic 2: Moving Forward with COVID

- Scott stated that he still wants people in town to be able to get out and recreate even though it may not be with others.
- Thinking about hosting a fishing derby separate from the Rock Bass derby. There have been a lot of folks out on the lake fishing in the past few weeks.
- Spoke about many different possible events that we can host for residents of all ages that will be safe to pull off while keeping COVID in mind.
- A “bear hunt” with teddy bears on walking trails, as well as a virtual 5K where you go on your own run and post your time to a results page both came up.

Other

- Scott is meeting with Pleasant Acres to set the granite pieces at the beach as well as get them to prepare the infields for play should we get the green light.
- Scott stated that he has a sailing instructor and some beach staff / lifeguards and that we have enough to get going should we get the green light to continue.
- The newsletter is off to a great start but Scott stated that he is currently slow to get it done since there is so much in limbo at the moment and that he wants it to be as up to date as possible. He hopes to still have this out for Memorial Day.
- Charleen wanted to know if there were any questions about the power point presentation that she sent out about the Girl Scouts Project (Fit-Trail). They would like to speak to the Recreation Committee and the Selectmen to see if they can continue with their project. They also spoke to the Conservation Commission who gave them the green light. There was some discussion on how the money for the project will be collected and paid, then there was some discussion on installation process once the project is completed. Scott stated that there still needs to be discussion with the Selectmen, Highway and Town Manager.
- The Committee did have some discussion with Celia about her project and how it would work. After speaking with her and amongst ourselves there was still full support from the committee for the project. There was a motion made by Dan, seconded by Tim to support the project. The vote was unanimous.