

Recreation dept. meeting minutes October 21 2015

Secretary: Martha Bennett

In attendance: Heather Armata, Danielle Trudeau , Maureen Carpenter, Meredith Irish, Martha Bennett,
Noel Boutin

- 1). Introduction and interview of coordinator candidate, Rebecca Gwozdz. Committee approved her candidacy to move to the select board acceptance.
- 2). Financial review: \$12,500 discussion of upgrading uniforms and equipment
- 3). Soccer program: program was a success but still seeing a lack of interest in certain age groups. Discussion on use of HS students and not using them as head coaches in the future. We have some committed to the program but had inconsistency which created potential end to program. Need to get more parental volunteers and coaches to help with programs.
- 4). Pumpkin run was a great success. We will need to look at more traffic control specifically during the kids 1k race to ensure the safety of the littlest runners. The PTO was a great partnership in providing the after run snacks for the event and plan to continue to grow this partnership. Need to reduce the amount of food donated. We will need to look at rewording the food donation drive for next year since there was confusion on the "kid's entry's only" for this donation. We determined it is a matter of separating the 1k on the brochure and specifying the entry fee details separately. It was voted that we will do the Pumpkin run again next year.
- 5). Jackson property hike: another great success with over 50 participants, it was agreed we should offer more family outings like this in the community.
- 6). DIY mask making and carnival: we are planning for about 35 kids. The event will take place in the library if the weather is bad. Danielle will be coordinating an obstacle run with tasks to complete throughout. Heather will be completing goodie bags for all participants.
- 7). Ice rink assembly: November 1st. Heather will post to forum asking for all that used the rink should find the time to help assemble the rink. We will spread the word to get as many people to help Dave Adam. We say a large volume of use on the rink last year from town's people as well as surrounding towns.

8).signs will be going out for the winter sports sign ups. In reviewing team potential there is a possibility that ¾ will need to be co ed since there are not enough players for a full boys or girls team. Coaches are secured for the season. Quotes for new uniforms will be requested based on need for certain grade levels. We will include shorts in the quotes to compare cost and see if it is worthwhile to have full uniforms.

9). Family movie night coming up. Hoping the minions will be released. Typically we see about 35 at the movie and a good group that is well behaved.

10). Holiday bazaar already receiving calls for table space. Taking place December 12th. Committee voted to keep fees the same as previous years. Heather will approach Rebecca on running the kids gift making center. Fee will stay the same for this area as well.

11). Broomball will continue as one of our biggest fund raisers of the year. We will maintain the same number of teams (22) and fees will remain the same. On line payment should help with team fund receipt.

12). Open gym: issues with winter sports and gym availability. Will run 1 ½ hours on Sundays, January and February. We will need to split between committee members to be present for family sign in and oversee use of schools equipment. Marilyn said she can check in from time to time with Mr. McQuade to ensure he is happy with the treatment and use of the gym and the schools equipment. Heather will post to forum.

13). Hoping that Octobers select board meeting will include the online payment system and presentation from Keith Simpson to be hired to do the IT portion of our registration for the rec. dept.

14). Afterschool program. There has been some interest by a couple of teacher to run after school programs but it has been determined that these programs are not cost effective for the rec dept to run. It would not be attractive to parents if the fees were increased and there was also lack of interest in the programs offered.

15). Additional Topics: look for signs removed from roads at Cambridge state garage.

- Nordic skiing – rosemary would like to continue the program. We will need to find an additional coach to help her and find way to get a higher interest in the program.
- Potential to add a running program. Danielle has an interest in a co ed running program.
- Adult open gym basketball.