

REC COMMITTEE MEETING
January 9, 2018

Present: Tom Schmidt Danielle Vierling
Greg Baker Nancy Volkers

Guests: Kristin Griffin (potential new committee member)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

Rec Report for the Town Report was removed; added an item about program suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Attendance in December was not enough for a quorum, so no official minutes were submitted.

BROOMBALL

Tournament is set for Jan 13-14. Weather may be a factor. J&L Hardware may want to sponsor the rink/tournament in the future, with a sign on the rink. This would help to pay for the liner and other costs.

SNOWMOBILE

Rec Dept was tasked with purchasing a snowmobile for grooming the x-c trails at the school. Must be done by end of year (fiscal?). \$7K is allotted. The Conservation Committee recently purchased one that had been used for grooming but it needs repair. Tom Lane is looking into snowmobiles for purchase (he usually grooms the x-c trails).

X-C SKIS KEPT AT THE SCHOOL

Trying to gain clarity about ownership of the 10 sets of x-c skis that Rec purchased that are housed at the school. Some misunderstanding on the school's part that they were "donated" – they were not. They were purchased with the understanding that the school could use them during PE, but they are for the Rec X-C programs, which were well attended in the past. There has been no Rec X-C program the past 2 winters, however. Discussion of renting/signing out ski sets to community members so that everyone benefits and the skis are not left unused. Tom has set up a system w/the school to allow for these rentals/check-outs of equipment.

SNOWBALL BIATHLON

Scheduled for Feb 17 at 10 am on the school grounds/x-c trails. X-C and snowshoe course, with 2-4 targets along each course. \$15 per person; \$5 per kid or kids can donate to the food shelf in lieu of payment. Discussion of where courses should be to facilitate spectators, etc. Will need to set up the courses that morning, so cannot be complex. Tom will arrange for access to the main

corridor at the school & the restrooms, and we will have registration there. **Committee agreed to meet at the school on Sunday Feb 11 (TBD) to figure out where trails will be.**

LACROSSE

Maureen Carpenter (committee member) is handling. Flyer was distributed showing ages, dates and times of practice.

SPRING SOCCER

Tom suggested offering soccer in the spring for younger kids (PreK-K). Discussion that this may conflict with other spring offerings (lacrosse, mini Milers, etc). Kristin offered to email Pre-K soccer parents from the fall and ask if they would be interested in a spring activity of some sort (whether soccer or general fitness/teambuilding). Committee agreed.

BIKE CAMP

Danielle has submitted 3 different weeks for the bike camp program – June 25, July 2 and July 30. She has not heard back from the bike loaner organization yet. Discussion of having the program at night, 4-7 pm, or half a day, because a full day would be too long. Bike trailer would stay in a school parking lot during the week. Danielle has agreed to run the program.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Tom suggested offering programs for seniors. Kristin mentioned Tai Chi – mentioned she might know someone who could teach it. (?) Committee agreed to pursue this idea. *NOTE that Tai Chi is offered at the Westford Library through a Chittenden County seniors program. There is no cost. So probably no need for Rec to pursue at this time.*

TWWAX

Tom's bear talk at the library was attended by several people. Next up, the Vermont Bat Center (Milton) speaks on January 19. James Ehlers is talking about moose on February 1. Also slated but unscheduled is someone from the VT Bear hound Association to show some videos and talk more about bears.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Danielle brought up track & field and whether there was any local place to hold this type of program. (There isn't.) Also mentioned volleyball as a potential program. Committee agreed that adult volleyball on a weeknight at the school might be a good place to test out community interest. Would have to not conflict with basketball, so perhaps early March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Volkens
Recreation Committee member

