

Westford Recreation Committee Agenda
Westford Town Office
November 5, 2019
7:00 PM

Agenda

Changes to Agenda

Public Comment

Minutes. Lori Miller

Agenda Items

- Women's Futsal. State of affairs. 15 confirmed, possible 2 more. Starts Monday 11.4.19. Equipment purchased. Marijke Reilly is the point person.
- Co-ed or Men's Futsal program, any interest?
- 1/2 Basketball program
- 3/4 Basketball, girls and boys. Only 2 registration received as of 11.1.19
- Pumpkin Run. Recap. Brainstorm for better turnout next year
- Paint and Sip; Adult and Kids. 11.15, 11.17 respectively. No confirmed registrations.
- Ice Rink. Go over Survey results. Plan and prepare for setup and maintenance. Sign up genius for volunteers
- Budget Review.
- Men's Pickup Basketball. Status report
- Discuss the final boys 3/4 game.
- Community Event, White Church fundraiser.

Minutes 11/5/19: Tonya, Ben, Maureen, Lori, Adam, (Chuck showed up at 7:27)

No public comment

Reviewed minutes - approved by 4 people (Tonya, Ben, Maureen, Lori - Chuck wasn't here at the time)

Futsal: Futsal running.

- Cost \$448 for equipment
- Marijke Rilley is point person
- 16 people registered @ \$50.00/person so will make \$850.00
- Equipment fits in closet and is labeled WRD (Westford Rec. Dept)
- Is there interest in a men's Futsal program? Possibly co-ed, not men's.
 - Maybe Tue, Th, Fri
 - Set up Genius sign up - could put that as a question on the sign up.
 - Meghan got volunteered (told) for making the Sign up Genius1

1/2 Basketball: Feb - March, about 6 weeks

- Can we open up Spring 1/2 for the 3rd graders too? Want to keep skill building as a feeder to school teams.
- Concern for adding those age groups together, but it depends on the kids. If there are 2 coaches, groups could be split by ability.
- Maybe try to combine them if we don't get more 3/4 registrants.

What about a Futsal for pre-K and K for late spring? Put on agenda for next meeting.

Pumpkin Run Recap:

- 10 people: 5 kids, 5 adults, everyone got a pumpkin
- Course marked the day before by Chuck and Greg
- Did people like it? We're down numbers. The following day there was a 4 mile run put on by Heady Topper with a band and food trucks.
- Way to make it a better event? Pumpkin run on Halloween or close to it? Start from the green? If we used the green we could have a food truck, band, etc. Or possibly use Pat Haller's field next to the school.
- Kids' race could be around the green a few laps so that parents could watch their kids.
- Turkey Trot is next week and very well attended. Proceeds of Turkey Trot goes back to children and families. Possible that money could go to pay for the liner (of the rink).
- List the Pumpkin Run as a 5K because people like to do a 5K and use that as a starting point for training.
- Pick a date and make it consistent from year to year. Saturday before Halloween.
- Advertise it as a run to dress up for in your costume. Free Volunteers run beforehand because some of the volunteers like to be able to run?
- Need to get numbers up so it doesn't die.
- We broke even \$\$ because we had to buy tape and a couple other things.
- Weather might have been a factor because the 2 days beforehand were very bad.

Paint and Sip:

- No kids' registrations
- No actual adult registrations but we have 4 "verbal" registrations
- We should talk to Meghan since she isn't here right now and this is her thing. However, it would be the 3rd reschedule of this event.
- Follow up with Meghan and see what happens with registrations

Ice Rink: Need survey results from Meghan but she isn't here.

- Need to do this via email since Meghan isn't here and the rink needs to go up.
- 23rd is Turkey Trot and a chili cook off - would the rink be in the way?
- Repairs need to be made beforehand - brackets that need welding. CTE has done that in the past, and also Adam could do the welding.
- Surveyor Joe Flynn needs to go out and mark where the rink needs to go.
- Art Wolfe has the rink in his barn, George Lamphere has a trailer to help. Kevin Stockwell can help.
- Chuck will email those people because he has the contacts. Need pretty big trailer for the boards.

- Where do we get the liner? Ben will ask Dan, who has done it in the past.
- Ballpark \$400.00
- We will start an email communication about rink stuff since Meghan isn't here.

Budget Issues:

- Snowmobile money? We don't have a snowmobile
- \$7000.00 set aside for the purchase of a snowmobile. It's not in the Rec account - it's in a separate account. It can only be used for a snowmobile OR something it can be better used for but that would require a proposal to the selectboard.
- We have approved money to fix snowmobiles before. Turkey trot money as donation to pay for rink liner (committee for children and families)? People who maintain trails get a "thank you" \$250.00 for them using their time and their snowmobiles, gas, etc. Soccer nets need replacing - if we're not buying a snowmobile and the grooming is being done by other people would it be possible to use that money for soccer nets?
- A proposal would need to be made to the Selectboard to change what that money is used for. 4 soccer nets/goals at about \$500.00 each. But what if the people who currently groom the trails end up not doing it anymore? It would be bad not to have a snowmobile - and that money came from a special vote on the ballot by the community.
- It would be good to check in with the guys who are currently grooming. The snowmobile is at Pat Haller's house.
- \$7000.00 would get a good snowmobile. Money is set aside, but won't necessarily be there forever. Don't want to lose the money. We should get more information about current situation before making a decision to try to change what the money is for.
- Also need to figure out where we could put a shed to store equipment. Shed would require zoning. But maybe RBMH?
- Selectboard budget meeting - they were happy to have a printed budget. Pat showed that revenue exceeded cost.

Men's Basketball:

- Good so far.
- Do we have revenue? \$50.00. Ben has it in his registration folder. 3 new people started last week. Generally have 4v4 with a sub - the numbers fluctuate.

3/4 Boys Soccer Game:

- Recap of our side of what happened.
- Morrisville soccer club league set up a game for the boys. Fairfax/Fletcher switched up the team that was coming to play us and didn't say anything to us. Could have been a last minute switch, but would have been good to let us know they were switching up teams.
- Parents on the sideline heard coaches having heated discussion. Both coaches thought the game should be called at different points in the game but that didn't happen.
- Not okay to berate kids on the team and 7th graders who were reffing.
- At this level (3/4) there are often kids reffing the games. Sometimes there are official adult refs and sometimes older kids reffing.
- Coaches met beforehand and talked about the rules and the fact that kids were reffing.
- Jenna was assistant coach for the team. The other coach maybe didn't realize that she was the coach.

- Brent ended up taking his best 2 players off the field. Other coach was heard saying that he was putting his best players in. Ended in a tie.
- Propose to send an email back to Fairfax Fletcher soccer to see if we can move forward from this incident since there has never been an incident like this in the past.
- Discuss next fall what we want to do about whether or not we play that team again. Maybe coaches and situation will change. Tonya can still send a follow up email.
- Tonya would like to compose the email and run it by all of us for proofing before sending it off. Keep it calm and brief.

Adjourn @ 8:22 pm