

Westford Recreation Committee Meeting

May 2, 2023

Meeting called to order 7:07 PM by George

Approved minutes

Present

Members: Amanda Gifford, Ben McElvany, Deanna Norton, Elizabeth Ploof, George Elliott, Maria Olson

Guests: Doris Bitruff, Andrew Katz

Members Absent: Lori Miller

Review [April Minutes](#) - Approved unanimously

Changes to Agenda - combine Independence Day discussion with Fireworks money discussion

Schedule Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 6

Finances - review unidentified items before end of fiscal year. Identify all events separately - yoga, Pre-K soccer, etc.

Welcome Baby Tea Donation request - This has usually been served by the Turkey Trot money. They requested \$200 and the total cost for the event is usually \$400. Ben motioned George seconded - Unanimous

Port-o-lets for athletic fields - WRD never asked for or ordered them in the past year - no port-o-lets needed this year except fall soccer

Discussion:

- Upcoming Programs & Events:
 - Volleyball start - 9 participants
 - Slow Flow Yoga start - 1 full, 2 drop-in participant - Doris said hello.
 - Amphibian Nature walk - 3 participants currently - WCC has approved paying \$125 of the cost of these walks.
 - Adult Game Night - had to change the date to June 4 RBMH was busy May 21
- Community Suggestions/Potential programs:
 - [Paint & Sip](#) with Volunteer Rob Rivas - Especially considering Waste water discussion re: the commons areas, I would like to see this program be as "green" as possible.
 - George moves to have paint & sip for adults and kids separately \$20 to \$30 depending on cost of materials to make a minimum of \$5 profit for administrative costs. Second - Deanna. unanimous
 - Pickleball for adults - community request - we have balls and racquets and may borrow the school's net - tabled until inventory done

- o Swimming through [Green Mountain Aquatics](#) at St. Mike's - provide publicity at no charge
- Misc Follow Up:
 - o Recreation Supply Cage organization Some Committee members might work on this May 25. Several sheds and stage at school also need to be looked through.
 - o T-ball and soccer ball purchases for Pre-K program need 12 T-balls, 20 soccer
 - o No Fireworks money in budget
 - o Independence Day celebration - Let's get this party started! Share organizing document
 - o Ice Rink - [Rink Master and protocols](#) post "warning" to community that more help is needed or the rink might be lost..
- Other:
 - o Committee Candidate - Andrew Katz Bio: I moved to Westford in December 2020 with my wife and our dog Luna from Philadelphia, PA. My wife is originally from Quebec so the move was in part to be closer to her family. Our first child joined us March 1, 2022 (Louis, who we signed up for toddlers soccer in June) and in the interim between our moving here and his birth I took the plunge to go back to school at UVM for a Nurse Practitioner program, which I am currently in. I am a big fan of intramural sports having played soccer, basketball, flag football, and hockey (with widely varying levels of competence) in college. Most recently I have become passionate about table tennis and have big dreams of a table tennis club or rec event in Westford. Overall I am just excited for the opportunity to meet some more of our neighbors and get involved in the community.
 - o At 9:07pm the Committee moved to Executive Session to discuss the candidate, those present were the same as at the general meeting. At 9:08pm the Committee exited Executive session Ben moved and Deanna seconded to invite Andrew to join the WRD Board pending Selectboard approval - Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Amanda Gifford