

Westford Recreation Committee Meeting

July 11, 2023

Meeting called to order 7:08 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) by **George Elliott**

DRAFT minutes

Present

Members: Amanda Gifford, Andrew Katz, Ben McElvany, Deanna Norton, George Elliott, Lori Miller, Maria Olson

Guests: No guests

Members Absent: Elizabeth Ploof

Agenda

Review [June 2023 Minutes](#): Minutes approved.

Changes to Agenda: No changes to the agenda.

Schedule Next Meeting: August 1, 2023

Public Comment: No public present.

Discussion:

- Review of Recent Programs & Events:
 - Pre-K T-ball and Soccer: Meghan is doing great and the program is going well. There are quite a few kids.
 - Archery: Archery was great. There were only 12 participants combined in both groups. Last time there were 12 in each group. We are making money from it though, so we should keep doing it.
 - Slow Flow Yoga - 3 full participants, 3 drop-ins: Doris is happy and made her cutoff to run the program.
 - Summer Soccer -56 participants overall.
- Finances: There are a number of changes that Ben noted from last month to this month. Where is the \$2000.00 for the Turkey Trot that got taken out of that line? Ben thinks that it got moved because the budget report was supposed to reflect just the Turkey Trot for THIS year, but he doesn't see it reflected anywhere else on the budget sheet.
 - If it went into our "savings" account, that would be fine, but it would be good to know that.
 - T.T. said \$2180.36 for June, but now for July it says \$0.00
 - 4-5 line items are different now (lower) in July than they were in June, so we need to track those down. We're seeing negatives in places that we didn't spend money. It's possible that it got moved to a different account, but again, it would be important to have communication about that.
 - What things would be valuable community resources that we could spend money on? Since we are a not-for-profit we do have money that we should discuss spending on things that benefit the community.
 - We discussed a scholarship request for PK soccer.

- Upcoming Programs & Events:
 - Fall Basketball - Deanna: Deanna and Mark (if he still wants to help) want to get a head start so that she can schedule a few scrimmages for the 3/4 group.
 - Deanna feels like an open gym for the 1/2 group might be a good way to go.
 - Seth McQuaide has connections with Fairfax recreation and Deanna will touch base with him.
 - Lori will talk to Chris McCurley from Swish to see if he has any interest in running a program, through Westford Rec, here.
 - Fall Soccer - need more goals! Leanne and Jay M. (3-4 boys):
 - Uniforms are in horrible condition. Kids should take them home this year and then we should buy t-shirts for future programs.
 - League coordination (Morrisville/Stowe soccer) was difficult. Leanne suggests starting planning early and having a set schedule.
 - Find volunteers for lining the field and find refs earlier.
 - Discussed ideas for having more refs, including possibly having high school soccer players get the training and volunteering.
 - There was a tournament that had a fee - it would be good to include the fee up front, which we didn't know this past season.
 - Ben motions to spend \$50.00 for 2 sets of cones for t-ball and soccer. George seconds. Carried unanimously.
 - Soccer Goals: We need to purchase goals NOW so that we have them for fall soccer. Ben motions that we approve up to \$5200 to buy a set of 7'x21' goals, replacement nets for the 6'x12' goals, and another set of pop-up goals. Deanna second. Carried unanimously.
 - Bike track & biking program: Construction of the features track is supposed to start in August. Lori will touch base with Adam Morse to confirm starting date. We discussed having a grand opening of the track.
 - My Healthy Vermont: They have programs that they would like to advertise. We can promote these to Westford residents.
- Follow Up:
 - Electrical use on the Common: Don't use a power strip.
 - July 4 - Discussed July 4th and suggestions for next year, including having a Westford 4th of July Committee to help coordinate all interested parties. More help is needed to run events and that would ensure that we have enough people to do more with the event.
 - \$445.00 in donations.
 - Road closure signs need to be up 1 week before the 4th of July.
- Other: Nothing.

Scholarship request for PK soccer - youth has had many medical issues:

Respectfully submitted: *Lori Miller*