

Westford Recreation Committee Meeting

March 5, 2024

Meeting called to order 7:12 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada) by [George Elliot](#)

Approved minutes

Present

Members: Amanda Gifford, Andrew Katz, Ben McElvany, George Elliott, Kelsi Cross, and Lori Miller

Guests: David McElvany and Aiden Menut

Members Absent: Elizabeth Ploof

Agenda

Review [February Minutes](#)

Motion to approve minutes called by George Elliot seconded by Kelsi Cross, approved anonymously

Changes to Agenda- add one change to miscellaneous section for lego party night

Schedule Next Meeting: April 2, 2024 7pm

Public Comment

- Review of Recent Programs & Events:
 - Futsal
 - P/U Bball
 - Winterfest
 - Lots of leftover hot chocolate from previous years
 - Need 50-100 cups for next year
 - Kelsi asked if George liked the adult concert or the creepy pirate kid concert. George confirmed he was talking about the adult concert
- Upcoming Programs & Events:
 - Girls MS basketball -
 - Request to have to add another day of practice during the week; informed Rec only other day is Friday 7-9
 - Coaches are still pending background checks
 - 12 registrants, reminder sent that all participants must be on roster before they can play
 - Flying Disc Fun! for spring? A couple interested players, one potential coach.
 - We are willing to support with a a registration form and if coach finds community we will support the program
 - Ben makes a motion to let Amanda and a coach to develop , advertise, recruit, and run an indoor/outdoor flying disc program for up to a \$10 registration fee.
 - Seconded by Kelsi; unanimously approved
 - Babysitting full with a waiting list!
 - Great Success!
 - Waiting list of 2

- o Easter Egg Hunt
 - Rec Coordinator has not heard back from Lake Champlain Chocolates (LCC)
 - Rec Coordinator will fill out Hannaford donation request form
 - George is day of show runner and will reach out to volunteers
 - Kelsi with an 's' volunteers
 - Pony rides - Amanda will look to include certificate again
 - Suggestion to include contact/next step information and pony ride dates
 - Ben will reach out to contact for approximately 75 toothbrushes and toothpaste
- o [4th of July](#) - Committee to organize will join us 4/2 at 8:00 p.m.
 - Last years planning committee is going to zoom in
 - Kelsi with an 's' has a request to meet the 4th of July donkey
 - Coordinator will connect her to Mary and Gus the donkey
 - Andrew recommends movie night on the common watching 'Independence Day'
 - Parade requires registration
- Misc:
 - o Swag [quotes from Fawn's Creations](#)
 - Will clarify if you can mix and match shirt sizes
 - Lori suggests Design and creative media program at CTE can do it super cheap
 - Westford Rec logo concept competition
 - Ben makes a motion for Rec coordinator to set up a contest for a new Westford Rec logo design concept with the winner receiving a free swag item.
 - Seconded by Kelsi with an 's'
 - Approved anonymously
 - Plan to notify everyone, including the white house
 - Submission due by April 30, 2024
 - o Shed - [no great options](#)
 - No Common because of road setbacks
 - Town garage, not possible
 - Red Brick is possible
 - On hold for now
 - o Rink
 - Leaving up for now
 - If weather is above 50 for an extended period will poke holes in liner to begin removal process
 - Next meeting will plan imminent removal date
 - o Westford school funding
 - Ben will send feedback
 - o Westford play group
 - Fairfax has a playgroup every Saturday through March
 - Might want to look into running one in Westford

Finances

- Funding Request from the Pickle Pandas Request for funds for robotics tournament
 - o Pickle Pandas Westford Robotics Team—part of team that builds and codes robots, and works on innovation projects for the theme of the season. They advertised FLL—first lego league.

They received second place at Norwich University State competition. Looking for donations no specific amount.

- George Elliot asks Why Pickle?
 - Teammate has a nickname 'Dill pickle'
- Plan for fundraising- go to Beta and other tech companies
- Had idea to place advertising on or in lego box
- Brainstorming ideas for other places to go for fundraising
 - Beta
 - Flexaseal
 - Spring cleanup activities to raise funds
- The students thank the committee for listening
- George makes a motion for \$200 per family unit up to 5 families of the Pickle Pandas robotics team for attendance at first lego league (FLL) Masterpiece Western Edge First Lego Open held at Long Beach convention center May 31st-June 2nd.
- Seconded by Andrew
 - 4 say aye, 1 abstention (Ben McElvany)
- Rec Coordinator to reach out for more information
- Equipment Request from [Doris Yoga](#) - tabled
- When do we start to pester those who haven't paid? What happens if folk never pay?
 - If we can confirm that we can accurately track who has not paid, they will not be able to register for another program until paying past dues.
- If we're tracking by program, what do we do with purchases like pinnies that were bought with a program in mind, but are available to be used by other programs
- Turkey Trot funds - SB did not vote but suggested we can disburse the current funds on hand up to \$500 per item, then we should identify a charity prior to the TT each year and designate the money for that charity. WRD feels this is not in the spirit of the TT founding.
 - Rec Coordinator will reach out to Westford Mutual Aid
 - Camp scholarship - will get clarifying information from the family then meet in special session
 - See PP request above.
- Financials - [ongoing fund balance](#) and [budget status report](#)

Respectfully submitted: Andrew Katz