

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
April 21, 2022 | 5:30 PM

Present at Meeting: Jaime Comtois, Jennifer Smith, Matt Kiley, Shari-Lee Ryan, Deborah Smith, Sean Pilkner

Absent: Kelli Rhodes, Nick Whitehouse

Guest: None

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:36PM by Jaime Comtois.

Review of Previous Minutes

- Matt made a motion to approve minutes, Jenn second
- Minutes were unanimously approved

Public Comment: No members of the public present to provide comment(s).

Fundraising Update:

- Very little money came in online
- Jenn was wondering about total money in Rec project Line- should we have annual updates on funding

Program Debrief:

- None

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

- **Bike Rodeo**
 - About 25 pre-registered to date- reached out to two additional schools Newport Town and Derby- anticipate some just showing up
 - 100 Goodie bags have been ordered for participants
 - Sponsorship and Donations
 - CNB paid for 2 brand-new bikes for us to raffle off- we will use registration slips for raffling
 - New helmets for every participant from NCH/Louis Garneau donated 6 helmets and water bottles
 - Local Motion-volunteering time to help organize and create this event
 - Northern Counties Health Care- \$50 donation for snacks
 - Great Outdoors- gave discount on bikes

- Jessica Brodie, the executive director of Vermont Parks and Rec., is providing a kit to supplement what AAA would have but no longer provide
- 9 Stations
 - Check In/Registration
 - Bike Check
 - Helmet Check
 - Hand Signals
 - Starts & Stops
 - Scanning & Turning
 - Maneuvering & Rock Dodge
 - Demon Driveway
 - Crazy Crossroads
- Borrowing bikes from NTS for use in case someone doesn't have a bike
- Learn to Ride- media push- facebook and Instagram
- Volunteers:
 - Rec Committee and Contacts: Jenn, Matt & Susan, Jaime & Gus, Deb, Kelli & Dustin, Scott Boskin
 - Volunteers from Newport PD, Orleans County Sherriffs, Local Motion, NCH, Northern Counties Health Care, Memphremagog Trails, Also Great Outdoors and CNB possibly have volunteers
 - Deb to reach out to UCA for volunteers and Heidi Santaw from NCUHS- Jaime reached out to Amy Pickering but no response
 - Matt to follow up with NCUHS- FBLA about volunteers
 - Jaime to reach out to city officials about possibly volunteering

- **Mother Son/Father Daughter Dances**

- Theme- Lua Aui- need to come up with catchy phrase
- Mike/Raven to order decorations, goodie bags, and food
- MSD- June 10-12- Tanya will photograph
- FDD- June 17-19- Colleen Cole will photograph
- Need to know who's available- Matt, Sean, Deb, Jaime, and Jenn will volunteer for some of the dates above
- Need to make a decision about June 11th- Need DJ-Jenn to look around and will make a decision by April 28th- Committee feels Saturday is an important date to maintain
- This year we will purchase our own baskets/gift cards for raffling

Fundraising:

- None to be discussed

Public Recreation:

- None to be discussed

Updates from Parks & Recreation Office

- **Summer Stroll-** 1st Saturday in June, August, and September (and July 4th)
 - Starts at dusk- fire pits along water
 - Bread and puppet on one end, stage at other end with live music and food trucks

Other Business:

- None to be discussed

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Please don't hesitate to contact Jaime if you have ideas she will be happy to add it to the agenda.

Next meeting will be May 19th at 5:30 PM.

Please let Jaime know at least one week in advance if you can't make it.