Thursday, March 27th, 2025
Attendance: Kyle, Jenn, Jaime
Mike

The Newport Recreation Committee will meet to consider the following:

Agenda:

1. Call Regular Recreation Committee Meeting to Order
   - Called to order at 5:46pm
2. Approve the Minutes for February
   - Motion to approve by Jenn, second by Kyle -- unanimous approval
3. Comments by Members of the Public
   - No members of the public were present.
4. Monthly Fundraising Update
   - Mike provided an overview of the funds raised by the dances. He also reported that $65 was raised online.
5. Program & Event Debriefs

   Mother/Son Dance & Father/Daughter Dance
   - Father/Daughter dances were both a bigger success than the Mother/Son dances (65 in attendance vs 142 in attendance)
   - Some issues with boys running around outside unsupervised on the first night
     - Do we need to choose a different activity for the boys?
     - Could we consider an age limit?
     - Different time of year? (later in March) Different theme? (St. Patty's has been done a few times)
     - Prizes for small competitions (hula hoop, limbo, etc.)
   - A few issues with ticketing (correct names, buying one ticket for two people, etc.) -- in the future, prompt people to provide the name of the person who purchased the tickets
6. Program & Event Planning Discussion

   Ice Out
   - Some challenges again this year: someone stole the moose and clock?
   - Possibility for next year -- something similar to Super Bowl squares, with dates and a.m. or p.m. options attached; people can pay a certain amount for each square
   - Net profit $416 this year

   Bike Rodeo
   - May 10th (11th in case of inclement weather) 10am-1pm
   - Same partners as last year; adaptive sports is presenting; Vermont Energy Efficiency Program is joining
   - Photo booth!
   - Helmet decoration station
   - Thinking about the possibility of expanding the event next year to include events throughout a full weekend that could also better engage young adolescents (endurance ride, bike parade on the bike path, etc.)
   - Advertising starts soon and a deadline for registration will be attached - this can be sent out through local school districts' family communications systems

Coin Drop

- Proposed date: September 13th (still needs to be approved) -- full day this time

7. Fundraising Projects
   - No upcoming projects at this time.
8. Public Recreation
   - No exact date for when the playground company is coming to install the playground yet (probably next month). Possibly connect the ribbon-cutting ceremony with the July 4th celebration.
   - Splash pad -- options were presented to the City Council -- water consumption, sanitation, chlorine, training for staff were all considerations -- the decision was made to go with misting poles
9. Updates from the Parks & Recreation Office
10. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
    - Farm to School Block Party is happening June 26th from 3pm-6pm -- most of us are not available to help with this
11. Other Business

    Recruitment

    - July 4th celebration and playground opening will be a great opportunity to share our work and recruit new members for the committee.

    Officers

    - Jaime - remains as Chair
    - Jenn - remains as Vice Chair
    - Kyle - elected as secretary
12. Set Date and Agenda for Next Meeting
    - Next meeting: Wednesday, April 16th
13. Adjourn
    - Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

Materials in regard to this meeting are available for inspection in the Parks & Recreation Office.
Public participation is welcome and encouraged.
Jaime Comtois, Chair
Newport Recreation Committee