

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
February 20, 2020 | 6:00 PM

Present at Meeting: Deb Smith, Jennifer Smith, Vaughn Cloney, Jaime Comtois, Mike Nolan, Amy Pickering, Lori Wells, Shari-Lee Ryan and AJ Thurston

Guest: Laura Smith, Annette Brown and Francisca Schroer

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:06 by Jennifer Smith.

I. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Jennifer Smith to accept minutes 1st by Amy Pickering, 2nd by Shari Lee Ryan.

II. Public Comment

Annette Brown representing the VFW discussed a Color Run fundraiser that would start and end at Gardner Park. Would like help from the recreation committee on registration and marketing and would split 50/50 the amount raised. Tentative date would be May 23rd 10:00 registration, 12:00 start time. Mike Nolan will work with Annette to figure out the best route and marketing aspect.

Francisca Schroer has given us a letter of intent to become a member of the Recreational Committee.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

- **Green for Gardner** - Jay Peak event, \$1 from every lift ticket would go toward the Gardner Park project. Amy Pickering and Jennifer Smith represented the recreation committee.
- **Bowling Tournament** - have the event at a different time of the year, make more grab-n-go food.
- **Crop Event** - went really well, have a bigger table for food
- **Winter Festival** - February 29th Festival will start at 4:00 fireworks at 7:00. Weather will determine the location of our concession stands/tents. We will also have a tent to sell Chuck A Puck's. Amy will pick up chili at Wendys, Vaughn will take care of the soup, Deb, Shari and Amy will make baked goods.
- **Mother/son Dance - May 8th, 9th and 10th.** We will do a Castle/Knight theme, Dave Bennett has graciously donated his time again for all three nights. We will start selling tickets on April 6th. Sub-com will meet March 5th @ 4:30

- **Golf tournament** - New president at Newport Country Club, having a hard time contacting her (off season) We are still waiting to confirm pricing and dates. Northpoint has agreed to donate a car :) Deb will reach out to Kevin Kincaid (VP) to get information.

3. Fundraising Projects:

- **Ice Out contest**
- **Crop Event**
- **Golf Tournament**
- **Buy-a-Brick**

4. Community Involvement: None at this time

5. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- Winter Festival
- Town Meeting Date March 3rd (Debbie and Amy will volunteer) Jennifer will send out an email to get additional volunteers

6. Other business:

- Vaughn discussed having a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at prouty beach for adults and kids. A date sometime in June \$100-\$125 per team and Olympia Sports may sponsor the event.
- Many members feel that we need to balance out things by planning an event that doesn't require us to ask for money. Members are to bring a non fundraiser idea to the next meeting.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00, next meeting March 19th @ **5:30**.