

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
January 20, 2022 | 5:30 PM City Council Room

Present at Meeting: Jennifer Smith, Jaime Comtois, Kelli Rhodes, Deb Smith

Absent: Shari Ryan

Guest: Michael Brown

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Jennifer Smith.

Review of Previous Minutes

- Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes, Jaime made the second. The minutes of the 12/9/2021 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Fundraising Update:

- MyRec Donations online – around \$49
- Bottles: Jimmy Quik \$29.80, Thompson's and Buzzy's- \$0
- Someone mentioned to Jenn that there was an article in the paper about the Splash Pad being canceled. This is not true. Mike will place a Facebook post explaining that we just got the soil samples, and we will know more soon.

Program Debrief:

- No discussion

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

- No discussion

Fundraising:

- Ice Shack Raffle
 - Deb will reach out to Wright's and Right Wheels to see how ticket sales are going. She will also check in with Wright's about fishing tournaments and the banner.
 - Mike will investigate sending out an email blast to people who purchased tickets last year to see if they would like to purchase a ticket.
 - We need to find out when there is a fishing tournament to sell tickets. Kelli will reach out to a tournament in Island Pond and the one at Lake Willoughby.
- Ice Out
 - Ideas for what could go out on the ice – Gnome holding Olympic Rings (Chillin' with my Gnomies). Mike will check in with Mac and get the tickets ordered.

Public Recreation:

- Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dance are postponed due to Covid. We will revisit later. Holding the dates June 10-12 and June 17-18
- Family Skate Night – February 19th - games and hot cocoa

Updates from Parks & Recreation Office

- Winterfest – February 26th broomball, snow sculpting, ice sculpting
- In need of judges – Jaime volunteered to be a judge
- Rec Committee (Jaime and Deb) will run Chuck-A-Puck. Mike will need to talk to Mac about the bullseye and where the pucks are.

Other Business:

- Member Updates:
 - Mandy Chaput has stepped down.
 - Recruiting members: advertise on Facebook and the marquis, Deadline February 11th
 - Jenn Smith is stepping down as chair but will stay on the committee. March meeting “elections” for officers will be held.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm

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

Next meeting will be February 17th at 5:30 pm. Please let Jenn know at least one week in advance if you can't make it.