

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
February 7, 2019 | 6:00 PM

Location of Meeting

Newport Municipal Building
222 Main St
Newport, VT 05855

Present at Meeting: Jessica Booth, Nicole Gratton, Jaime Comtois, Deb Smith, Jennifer Smith and Marin Gardyne

Absent: Margarita Brown, Mike Nolan, Adam Thurston, David Jankowski and Shari-Lee Ryan

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Jennifer Smith.

I. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, motion by Nicole Gratton to accept minutes 2nd by Jamie Comtois.

II. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Mission Statement was reviewed , motion made by Deb Smith and 2nd by Marin Gardyne to accept mission statement. *The mission of the Newport Recreation Committee is to promote citizen involvement and foster a strong sense of community by advocating for diverse, year-round recreational opportunities and safe, well-maintained facilities to enhance the social, cultural and physical well-being of our residents and visitors.*

2. Fundraising update given by Deb Smith, football squares was a success bringing in \$750 will do another 10x10 grid for March madness. Recommendation that we set up a tent at the winter carnival to sell chuck-a-puck's, concession stand and glow sticks. Nicole suggested vest to identify those of us selling items.

3. Ice out update, signs are out all over the city, suggestion was made to get tickets to local organizations ex. Rotary, Elks etc. also to sell tickets on Town Meeting day. Jenn will send out an email to get volunteers for March 5th.

4. Coin Drop date was approved for October 12, 2019 Marin will look into Derby's schedule.

5. Mother/son event, sub committee will do additional research on this

6. Aqua Fest July 26th, 27th and 28th Jess would like the rec committee to get behind this. Suggestions were an adult date night, have a beer tent, 50/50 raffle etc... A motion was made by Deb Smith and 2nd by Jamie Comtois to move forward to investigate the cost of an adult dance. Marin will try and contact 8084 (band) Jamie will contact Last Kid Picked Jess will contact ETA.

5. Other Business

GREAT NEWS!!!! We received 182,500.00 from the LWCF grant :) and the process for the CBDG grant is in the works for another 100,000.00.

Sponsorship Packet is still in the works.

Jenn will talk to John Castle to get the schools involved with fundraising events, 1st place could be the class at the ribbon cutting ceremony and the first group on the splash pad.

Smaller fundraising ideas: Zumba, trivia night (pie & pasta) etc.

Guest: Laura Smith and Robert Gosselin

Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 14th.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:39.