

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
March 14, 2019 | 7:00 PM

Present at Meeting: Jessica Booth, Nicole Gratton, Jaime Comtois, Deb Smith, Jennifer Smith, Shari-Lee Ryan and Adam Thurston

Absent: Margarita Brown, Mike Nolan, David Jankowski and Marin Gardyne

Guest: Laura Smith and Vaugh Cloney

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 Jaime Comtois.

II. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Fundraising update:

Ice-Out ticket sales have been amazing, total pool 1200.00 + with a total of 525 guesses. Need volunteers to sell ice-out tickets at Tim & Doug's 03/21/19 Nicole and Debbie will volunteer.

Decided to cancel the March Madness fundraiser

Crowdfunding - We are not a non-profit, so we'll have to pay 2.6% plus .30 per transaction on any money we raise on Facebook. The committee still thinks it's worth it. Jess will try first by publishing a Facebook fundraiser for her birthday in May.

Suggestion to build a bottle drop at Gardner Park - Shari volunteered Danny (son) to build it for us. Shari will talk it over the Danny and bring some designs/concepts to the committee for the next meeting.

Mother/Son event, 80+ responses to have this take place, a sub committee was formed to include Jennifer, Jaime and Shari-Lee. A tentative date of May 18th was set with a follow up meeting to be held March 28th with Jessica.

Aquafest - beer tent located in front of the Warehouse, ETA available for July 27th only, additional bands that will be contacted are 8084, Downpour and Classic Rewind. Shari will contact Island Pond to get additional band information.

Selling balloons at the 4th of July parade in Derby, this will be staffed by seasonal workers. Discussed locations for helium stations....

Bowling Tournament - Sunday April 7th 12:00 to finish

Volunteers: Vaugh and Jennifer will be there all day, Jaime at 1:00 and Nicole at 3:00

Shari - sandwiches/bake goods

Jaime - bake goods

Jennifer - bake goods/hot dogs

Vaugh - chilli (Wendy's donate)

Debbie - cookies and brownies

Rec. will provide popcorn machine, cash box

2. Recreation & Parks update

Town meeting - Mayor stayed the same, new council member (Melissa Patterson)
Budget passed which will create a 4th full time position and Robert Gosselin is new to the Rec Department as the City Landscaper.

Parades: May 27th Veterans Day Parade
July 4th Parade in Derby
July 27 Aquafest Parade

4. Upcoming volunteer opportunities: Easter egg hunts April 19th and 20th, AJ volunteered to be the Easter Bunny :)

5. Other Business

Communication methods - is email the best way to communicate with everyone?
Vest have been ordered so that volunteers will be easily spotted.

Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 11th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 by Jennifer Smith