

Newport Recreation Committee Meeting

5/11/2023

Present at Meeting: Kelli Rhodes, Jamie Comtois, Nick Whitehouse, Matt Kiley, Jenn Smith

Absent from Meeting: Sean Pilker

Members of the Community: Mike Brown, Ira Morgan, Sue Kiley and Carter

Meeting called to order at: 5:56pm after live Red Sox raffle drawing

Review of Previous Minutes:

February minutes- Jenn and Kelli

March-Matt and Nick

April- Jenn and Matt

Public Comment: Sue and Carter here to talk about joining the committee. They introduced themselves and talked about why they would like to become members.

Fundraising Update:

Red Sox Raffle –

- 412 tickets sold
- \$2,835 net proceeds
- Will be put into the general fund

Program & Event Planning Discussion:

Red Sox Raffle-

- Per Matt, the raffle went well; community did a good job of helping to sell tickets.
- It will be good to look at next year's game schedule/ better dates could help sell more people on buying tickets.
- Maybe award a prize to the business that sells the most tickets
- Website sold 57 tickets

Upcoming Events/ Fundraising:

Bike Rodeo-

- The committee decided to postpone the bike rodeo to next year, as May is the best month to hold the event.
- Due to school involvement, availability of volunteers, and scheduling with the hospital (event site).

4th of July Parade-

- Jenn will call the town clerk to ask about entering and the fee.
- Plan is to borrow a trailer/ boat to use as a float/ hand out candy

Updates from Parks & Recreation Office:

- The harbor and campground are open/ new campsites were added.
- City wide yard sale coming up
- Summer stroll
- Music will be happening at the campground
- Ping pong has been happening in the gym
- Skate shack will be getting a remodel/ cameras added

Playground-

- Employees are finishing up OSEA training
- The new action plan is at the state level
- The hope is to start the process before winter
- Committee will start looking at playground equipment options in the near future

Other Business:

Student committee member-

- Matt spoke with NCHS principal/ students about adding a student member to the committee.
- Committee all agrees/ Matt will move forward with this process.
- Committee will present the student member along with other possible new committee members.

Next meeting: June 15, 2023

Adjourned at: 7:23pm