

Newport Parks and Recreation
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Recreation Committee
May 16, 2019 | 6:00 PM

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

Absent: David Jankowski, Shari-Lee Ryan and AJ Thurston

Guest: Laura Smith

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Jennifer Smith.

I. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, motion by Mike Nolan to accept minutes, 2nd by Marin Gardyne.

II. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Fundraising update:

No fundraisers since last meeting.

Mother/Son event update: Laura Smith did let us know that we have made \$3,000 on tickets for the Mother/Son events. Still have 60 seats available for June 9th date.

Mother/Son Raffle - should have around 20 prizes for May 18th dance and will change the raffle to door prizes so that only one person wins a prize. A motion was made by Nicole Gratton 2nd by Jaime Comtois. Table tent cards will be made by Laura Smith and Deb Smith, Mike Nolan will donate the card stock needed. Jenn Smith will email Laura Smith a list of donors/donations for the table tent cards.

Aquafest: 8084 declined an invitation to play in our city. A motion was made by Jenn Smith to discuss a notion of inviting Last Kid Picked. Jamie Comtois made a motion to hire Last Kid Picked 2nd by Nicole. Jenn will contact Michelle from the Warehouse for the beer tent and Marin will discuss production details with Last Kid Picked. The time frame will be 7-10:00 to abide with the city noise ordinance. Jess will confirm with Jay Peak that we still have rooms available for the band.

Golf tournament flyer was shown by Jess, additional discussion was tabled until Dave and/or AJ are at the meeting.

Bottle drive bins at Gardner Park was also tabled until we discuss it with Shari-Lee Ryan the next day May 17th. Mike will email Jenn two drafts of the posters for the bins.

Coin drop in Derby tabled until Marin gets in contact with the Derby town clerk's office, may be too late for this year.

Fourth of July parade in Derby - committee selling balloons, who can comment? May have to pay seasonal staff to sell balloons if no volunteers.

2. Community Events:

Track & Field update by Mike Nolan: Border Running Club

Field at NCUHS is being redone Mike, Paul Chambers and Chris Shaffer looking at either Gardner Park or Prouty Beach. Jess Booth suggested prouty beach area. Mike also mentioned the possibility of a race within a city (Main Street Mile) associated with an event already happening.

Nicole suggested a youth bike parade, decorating bikes etc....this would be a great community builder event.

3. Recreation & Parks update:

City Council 3rd party events policy, average cost to the city for parades/third party events is \$900 which comes out of already budgeted money. This policy was implemented a year ago with a recommendation that it will be revisited after a year. The council feels that the process is too intimidating and suggest that the rec. committee look at the policy and give the council feedback. Jess will email the policy out to the committee and suggested we contact someone that has gone through the process and get their feedback possibly getting them to attend a council meeting.

Tennis courts are going to be resurfaced this year with a new addition of pickleball lines being completed on two out of four courts.

4. Upcoming volunteer opportunities:

Mother/Son Dance May 17th, June 8th and 9th, all set for the 17th still looking for volunteers for June 8th and 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14, next meeting June 13th @ 6:00