

Woodstock Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023

7:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Room C

1. **Call to order:** Erin Lucas, Committee Chair called meeting to order at 7:00
 - a. Members Present: Amy Monahan, Kathy LaBonte, Marie Chamberlin
 - b. Others Present: Sarah Bentley, Sue Swan
2. **Approve Minutes from Meeting on December 12, 2022**
 - a. A ***Motion** was made by Kathy LaBonte to approve and adopt the minutes from meeting held on December 12, 2022. ***Seconded** by Marie Chamberlin. No Discussion. ***Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Recreation Director Report**
 - a. Current Programs
 - i. Senior Knitting- Wednesdays at 10 am in Room 1 of the Town Hall
 - ii. 5-8 Basketball- Games started Saturday, January 7, 2023
 - iii. K-4 Basketball- Started Saturday, January 7, 2023 with Jim Reynolds overseeing program. Approximately 130 students are participating this year
 - iv. Winter Volleyball-Started on Sunday with record high numbers participating in the program.
 - v. Lego- Postponed due to instructor availability
 - b. Upcoming Programs
 - i. Ski Club- Currently 88 registered for this program. School passes and lessons at Wachussett sold out in December. The first trip is tomorrow, Tuesday, January 10, 2023.
 - ii. Line Dancing- Trial Class is scheduled for February 19, 2023 at the Senexet Grange at 2 pm. This intro class fee will be \$8.
 - iii. Sponsorship Asks- Move to discussion with Fundraising
 - iv. Babysitting- This course is scheduled for April 17th and 18th
 - v. Easter Egg Hunt- April 1st with rain date of April 8th
 - vi. Clean up to Green up
 1. Amy Monahan mentioned that Thompson has a “Litter League” year round and suggested a competition between towns. She would also like a competition within town for April Clean up possibly using grade levels and organizations. We are here for the community and this would be a great option to engage more of the community.
 2. A kick off clean-up day was discussed to promote the month long clean up timeframe and possible competition. The idea of a pass for participants to use the transfer station to dispose of trash was also discussed.
 3. Amy Monahan will reach out to Buck’s to ask for ice cream gift certificates for winning student prizes. Also discussed cleaning service gift certificate for adult prize.
 - vii. Memorial Day Race- Erin has started working out details with the race company for permitting and planning.
 - viii. Squirt Soccer-This program will run in spring and Erin will start registration for this event soon. Erin hopes that Dennis and the WA soccer team will continue to run this program again this year.
 - ix. Afterschool Volleyball- Erin will work with Janet Abbott for this program.
 - x. Tag Sale- Proposed date is June 10th for this year.

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- xi. Summer Sports (volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf)-Erin has started conversation for these events. She is considering holding a Spring Volleyball program as there is much interest.
 - xii. Pony Camp- Erin will work with Virginia to coordinate Pony Camp 2023 at Stargazer.
 - xiii. Concerts- Erin has 3 bands in mind. Erin has already approached Grace Gourmet and would like to bring back Jayy's for food trucks this year.
 - 1. Dynamite Rhythm will be playing our June concert
 - 2. Patty Tuite- Erin is waiting for a response
 - 3. East Woodstock Cornet Band- The commission discussed that there is a regular annual concert on the South Common and if that would affect the attendance.
 - a. Kathy suggested a country band and Amy suggested Trigger South and/or Gray Whisker Pickers
 - xiv. Beach Party- This will be discussed at the next meeting and Erin requests all ideas be brought for discussion.
 - c. Discussion: New or Old Business, budget
 - i. Summer Fun Guide
 - 1. Amy sent out some surrounding town guides for reference to the commission members.
 - 2. Erin created a summer fun guide template last year that was not able to be completed in time that she feels will work well electronically for this year.
 - ii. 2023 Sponsorships
 - 1. The commission reviewed Erin's proposed text and all agree with the information as presented. Erin plans to start with in person requests with some of the historic supporters first and then send out letters for requests.
 - iii. Fundraising
 - 1. The Recreation Department will use the donation buckets at future events.
 - 2. The commission discussed a possible future long term project working with walking trails. This would require a trails committee, goal & fundraising. A Walk-a-thon fundraiser would be perfect for this project.
4. **Citizens Comments**
- a. None
5. **Adjournment**
- a. ***Motion** made Kathy LaBonte by to Adjourn. ***Seconded** by Marie Chamberlin. ***The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monahan. DISCLAIMER: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Recreation Commission. Please refer to next month's meeting for approval/amendments.