

Woodstock Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, September 13, 2021

7:00 pm

Woodstock Town Hall Room C

1. **Call to order:** Anthony Pezzetti, Recreation Director, called meeting to order at 7:07pm
 - a. **Members Present:** Marie Chamberlin, Sarah Bentley, Amy Monahan
 - b. **Others Present:** Dawn Morin
2. **Approval of Minutes:** **Motion** made by Sarah Bentley to approve and adopt the minutes from meeting held on May 10, 2021. **Seconded** by Marie Chamberlin. No Discussion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Current Programs**
 - a. Squirt Soccer: Saturdays at 9 am, started on 09/11/21 and runs through 10/16/21
 - i. Currently 20 Registered Participants
 - ii. Coached by Jen Snelling and her husband with help from Woodstock Academy soccer teams.
 - b. Senior Crochet Competition: Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am. Scheduled for August 26th and September 23rd at Roseland Cottage
 - i. Collaboration with Pomfret Seniors via TEEG/Senior Center
 - ii. Attendance on 08/26/21 was a group of 10 individuals
 - iii. There will be one more date in October then continue in April.
 - iv. TEEG will provide lunch at the September 23rd session
 - c. Adult Yoga: Virtual on Mondays at 6:30 pm
 - i. Registered Participants – currently 5
 - ii. Run by Dawn Fennesy. She is considering combining this program with Pomfret Recreation and chose to keep it virtual due to the uncertainty of COVID and possible mask requirements for in person sessions.
4. **Upcoming Programs**
 - a. Senior Knitting Club: Bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 10-11 am starting on 09/15
 - i. Jan Wright will be the instructor for this program. She will be available to help participants as needed with their projects.
 - ii. Currently 2 participants are registered
 - b. Senior Social Hour: Weekly on Wednesdays from 11am to Noon starting on 09/15
 - i. This program has been cancelled due to COVID mask restrictions

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- c. Adult Co-Ed Volleyball: Mondays at 7:30 starting on 09/20 in WMS Gym
 - i. Runs through the school year
- d. Adult Co-Ed Basketball: Tuesdays at 7pm starting on 09/21 in WMS Gym
 - i. Runs through the school year
- e. Adult Zumba: Wednesdays at 7pm starting on 09/22 in Town Hall
 - i. 10 classes running through December 15th
- f. Babysitter's Training Course
 - i. October 18th and 20th from 5-8pm (must attend both dates)
 - ii. Run by Janine Spink. The class costs \$75 and has a maximum of 12 students with Woodstock residents getting spots before residents from other towns.
- g. Trick or Treat at Roseland Cottage
 - i. The Woodstock Business Association will sponsor this event again this year- Thank you!
 - ii. Organizers at Roseland Cottage and UCONN are looking into a ½ hour time frame for younger children with less stimulation at beginning of program
 - iii. There is the possibility of the WA Trick or Treat Street taking place on a different date this year
 - 1. Impact on event includes the use/cost of constables and change in attendance numbers. This could affect the cost of this event.
- h. Winter Festival
 - i. Will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2021 from 12-4pm
 - 1. This is the same day as a 5K race being held at Roseland Park. The plan is to hold the festival events starting after the 5K race in hopes to increase participation.
 - ii. Woodstock Business Association wants to participate again this year
 - iii. Discussion of having more group locations where businesses could bring their activities. This would allow for less travel for participants and more foot traffic for businesses.
 - 1. Anthony will reach out to locations to see if they will host group spots (like Bungee Fire Station, etc)
 - iv. Similar to 2019- there will be a map and stamps given for location visits, raffle tickets given for stamps and available for purchase. Local businesses will provide raffle prizes. Prizes will be given at Roseland Park Barn and Tree lighting will end the event. This date will also kick off the week of viewing for the Christmas Lights Contest.

5. Past Programs

- a. Spring Basketball Programs
 - i. Girls: Tuesdays 6-7pm May 4th through June 8th, 6 registered
 - ii. Boys: Mondays 6-7pm May 3rd through June 14th, 19 registered
 - iii. K-4th: Saturdays: May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12 (rain date June 19) at WES Outdoor Court, 44 kids registered

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- b. Town Wide Yard Sale
 - i. 40 houses and 3 people at Town Hall registered, June 5th from 8am until afternoon, \$400 donation made out to TEEG
- c. Adult Yoga – June Session- Virtual Program with 6 registered
- d. Pony Camp
 - i. 4 sessions Monday to Friday from 8am-12pm, all sessions full, some staying on after program with Stargazer, will run again next year
- e. Tennis Clinics
 - i. 4 sessions on Monday/Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm, combined groups into one session and limited to 18, each session was full
 - ii. Due to the change in time from past morning sessions, attendance dropped. Anthony will look into holding morning/day sessions for next year
- f. Summer Concerts- Another Great Year!
 - i. Goza (with Latin Flavor food truck)
 - 1. Food truck showed up during the concert. Need to schedule trucks to come well before show starts (some people were still getting food at end of music)
 - ii. Little Big Band (with Unbound Glory food truck)
 - 1. No food truck due to rescheduled date
 - iii. Grass Routes
 - 1. This concert needs lighting or an earlier start for next year. The musicians were playing in the dark
- g. Indoor Volleyball Camp
 - i. 5:30-7pm @ WA, 2 sessions: Session 1: June 21, 23, 28, 30, July 6, 7, 12 and Session 2: July 14, 19, 21, August 2, 4, 9, 11. 35 kids in each session
- h. Volleyball Small Groups
 - i. 7-8pm @ WA and 2 sessions: Session 1: June 23, 28, 30, July 6, 7, 12 and Session 2: July 19, 21, August 2, 4, 9, 11. 12 kids in both sessions
- i. Pre-season Volleyball Camp
 - i. Preseason Volleyball Camp – August 16th – 20th from 5:30-7pm @ WA, 36 kids currently registered.
 - ii. There was an issue with courts at WA. Anthony and Jeff Boshka will need to meet with WA before Volleyball sessions next year.

6. Possible Programs – none to add at this time

7. Discussion

- a. Nichols College has 10-12 proposals from students that we should be receiving soon
- b. New Secretary- Amy Monahan will be the new Commission Secretary

Motion made by Sarah Bentley to Adjourn/**Seconded** by Marie Chamberlin/**All in Favor**. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm