

Woodstock Recreation Commission Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022
7:00 pm
Woodstock Town Hall Room C

1. **Call to order:** Chairman Sarah Bentley called meeting to order at 7:01 pm
 - a. **Members Present:** Sarah Bentley, Amy Monahan, Marie Chamberlin, Kathy LaBonte
 - b. **Others Present:** Recreation Director Erin Lucas
2. **Approve Minutes from meeting on January 10, 2022**
 - a. ***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** with Kathy LaBonte abstaining.
3. **Recreation Director Report**
 - a. **Current programs**
 - i. Senior Knitting Club – running weekly, weather permitting with 4-6 participants at sessions.
 - ii. Adult Co-Ed Volleyball- Mondays through the school year at WMS Gym, 27 registered, 8:30 during basketball season
 - iii. Adult Co-Ed Basketball - Tuesdays through school year at WMS Gym, averaging 10 each night, 8:30 during basketball season
 - iv. Youth Basketball 5th -8 th Grade – regular season finished, Killingly and Wentworth tournaments this week
 - v. K-4 Basketball – running until March 12
 1. Marie Chamberlin commented that she is very impressed with volunteers this year.
 - vi. Winter Volleyball – running until March 13th for 7-12th graders with Jeff Boshka, about 25 in program
 - b. **Upcoming Programs**
 - i. Senior gathering March 23, 2022
 1. Sue Connor (Agent for the Elderly) and a group of ladies are assisting with planning and promoting the program.
 2. Sarah Bentley shared that her business does surrounding town elderly fitness programs in Thompson, Putnam & Brooklyn and she would like to work with Woodstock as well if scheduling allows.

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- ii. Earth Day Trash Pick-up April 10, 2022
 - 1. John Navarro would like it done on one day for Highway Department to pick up instead of month long.
- iii. Easter Egg Hunt April 9, 2022
 - 1. Recreation will provide candy for this event (and costume)
- iv. Babysitter/Parent Helper Training April 18th & 19th
 - 1. Registration is currently half full
- v. Squirt Soccer starts April 30, 2022
 - 1. 10 already registered for this program
- vi. After School Volleyball
 - 1. On hold- Janet Abbott is waiting on gym availability
- vii. Memorial Day Road Race May 30, 2022
 - 1. “on the road again” logo has been created and is in use for promotional purposes.
 - 2. Currently have 5 sponsors and notification went out today. All road approvals are complete.
 - 3. Sarah Bentley recommended cross promotion with Seana Weaver who has her upcoming marathon (April 30th) in Woodstock to benefit the Community Kitchen program.
 - 4. Kathy LaBonte recommended promoting with 5k/half marathon/marathon combo by creating a combo award incorporating Quiet Corner races.
- viii. Tag Sale – June 11 (tentative date)
 - 1. Erin will finalize date this week.
- ix. Roseland Cottage Concert Series
 - 1. Working with Roseland Cottage. Will have The Little Big Band back again and still working on cover band and Latin band bookings for this year.
- x. Pony Camp – Sessions start on July 11th and run through August 5th
 - 1. Registration is almost full for this event.
- xi. Summer Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball
 - 1. Erin is working on summer programs.
 - 2. Will be working with Pomfret and using the Recreation Park Courts for Tennis over the summer. Volleyball will be in the Field House on North Campus. Basketball will be back at South Campus.

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c. **Discussion:** New or Old Business, budget

- i. Winter Festival Post-mortem summary document was sent to members. Erin has many ideas to improve marketing for next year.
- ii. CivicRec Software launching end of April
 - 1. Town of Woodstock will reimburse Recreation for the software out of ARPA funding.
- iii. 2022 Meeting Schedule- no discussion
- iv. Marie Chamberlin mentioned a conversation with a local mom who would seemed interested in helping with fundraising if needed. Erin and Sarah will figure out contact information and Erin will reach out accordingly.

4. **Citizens Comments**

- a. **None**

5. **Adjournment**

- a. ***Motion** made by Marie Chamberlin to Adjourn. ***Seconded** by Kathy LaBonte. ***The motion passed unanimously.** Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 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.