

SWANTON RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 18, 2014

Attendance: Marka Cheney, Joe Raleigh, Linda Cross, Eugene Lavoie, Betsy Fournier, Patti Jo Walker, Jack Hubbard, Sara McGuire, Jon Neilson, and Alicia Bourdeau,

Absent: N/A

BF open meeting at 5:05pm.

Agenda review: nothing to add.

JN motion to approve July minutes. EL second. All approve. Motion carries.

Budget- (PJW)

-Last deposit- soccer registrations are almost at where we budgeted and with time still left. Soccer numbers are looking up.

-Cross Country- (special events) - 3 paid so far, 9 registered at this point.

-Gymnastic is should end up where budgeted.

-Zumba numbers are way down- new gym having an extreme effect.

-Still 2 more checks left to deposit from the town by end of year (~\$40K ea.)

-Sr Babe Ruth League fees- due to mis-information the boys were signed up under the wrong league (Cal Ripken League), not the LL America's. They used the wrong league number. There is a fee of \$250 that we would have paid anyway.

-PJW entertains a motion to pay for the league fees.

-EL motion to pay the league fees. AB second, all approve. Motion carries.

Directors report- (JH)

-Soccer -

-Camp was a big success. 30+ kids in attendance.

-Regular soccer season has 123 kids registered thus far.

-Trying to schedule with other towns for games-

-Georgia teams are not co-ed.

-St. Albans doesn't travel until 5th grade.

-Try- Franklin, N. Hero, S. Hero, Sheldon, Grand Isle, Alburgh, etc.

-Boys & girls varsity soccer coaches plan on helping out as much as they can to provide referees and coaching guidance.

-Plan a coach's clinic one day for after a Saturday practice.

-Cross Country-

-Currently 9 participants, need 3 more to get shirts for \$6ea or can use Swanton Rec shirts and screen print CC on the back?

-Jody Chevalier is head coach, Isaac French assisting.

-Adult Programs-

-Expand programs; there is an interest for ~12 guys for pick up soccer.

-JH contacting Dustin at the school about volleyball & basketball.

-Monies for new poles (for new gym floor) and net are in the budget. Ross raised a significant amount of money for them. PJW will look into the amount available.

-We have flags for flag football, and a ball as well.

-Wiffleball tournament-

-Cancelled due to a lack of teams.

-Mountain Bikes-

-Carol Lizotte wants us to use her bikes for a camp.

-Possibly Sept 6/7? Time to get info into the Wednesday Weekly.

-They are relatively large bikes, perhaps a 5/6 grade mtn bike camp?

-Movie night at Marble Mill was a relative success. ~18 participants.

-NW TV access rented the screen through a grant.

-Could do again, Jazz E has a screen as well.

Field & Maintenance Report- (LC)

-Casella Insurance claim for the roof and gutters is complete.

-Garden Shed is almost complete, just roof & door left.

-New panel box is installed.

-PJW left at 5:52pm

-Plywood for garage is slated for delivery Wednesday or Thursday, to begin installation (already paid for).

-LC will be making a trip to Casella's for an e-waste drop off.

-We have wood from old dugouts with no use for it, would like to clean up before snow falls. Can it be given away?

-JH to speak with John Lumsden

-give clean wood (non-painted/pressure treated) to MVU bon-fire?

-Soccer fields are almost complete. Will be done for first practice on Saturday.

-Attempted break-in August 13th- damage to snack bar window and garage door panels.

-Alarm scared them away.

-EL contacted Champlain Doors to have a door/panel ordered. Cost unknown for now.

-Kitchen window cost \$140.64, repaired by Thursday.

-Must notify police of cost of repairs (with receipts).

-Can we make a security door/gate to cover the window to avoid damage/break-ins?

-People have been question whether the snack bar will be open during the soccer season?

-If someone is here to open, we have done coffee in the past, but it is definitely open for the Jamboree.

-Monday August 25th, is Blaine's last day.

-Governor's Conference-

-September 24, 25 at Lake Morey

-\$60/year membership fee for up to 3 board members. We should be a member; they have a plethora of useful information.

-Members cost \$65/ 2days, plus \$65 for the room. JH is interested in going.

-AB motion to send JH to the Governor's conference. SM second, all approve. Motion carries.

-Building Communities Grant

-Yearly application; must have matching monies to apply, and can't use federal or state monies.

-Can't apply for this year, but could start fundraising now to meet match for 2015?

-What would be the interest in supporting the creation of an indoor facility?

-BF will meet with the town and village.

-JR out at 6:10pm.

-Next meeting-

-September 15th, 2014 at 6pm.

BF motion to close the meeting at 6:22pm. MC second. All approve. Motion carries.

-Minutes recorded by AB.