

Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes

January 31, 2017, 6:30PM

Hardwick Public Safety Building

Present: Katharine Ingram, Chair, Joe Brosseau, Kathy Hemmens, Nicole Miller, Derek Williams, Ron Wiesen, Jessica Manchester

Visitors: Melissa Gardner: Karen Klotz (Green-Up Day Coordinator)

Katherine called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

The **Minutes** of the December meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Nicole Miller and a second by Katharine Ingram.

Kathy Hemmens reported that **the Finances** were on track as the Committee has spent just about half of its annual budget as of December 31, 2016. Jessica will now be paid from the current year's budget, as the holdover of her salary money from last year has been exhausted. The Finance report was unanimously approved following a motion by Katharine and a second by Nicole Miller.

Project Updates:

Skating Rink

Jessica reported that approximately 20 people attended the Grand Opening, but that no one came to the first Friday Nite Skate as it conflicted with a Hazen basketball game. It was suggested that the Friday Nite Skate be limited to once a month. Katharine reminded everyone that we must advertise only an "Open Skate" as the Committee and Town are not taking responsibility for supervising this skating activity. Katharine suggested advertising the Open Skate in the Hardwick Elementary School "Bobcat Gazette." Poulin Lumber donated \$100 for materials and other merchants donated materials for the rink. Jessica will send Thank you letters. Jessica praised the Rink volunteers who have done a great job of maintaining its condition.

There was considerable discussion about the grant application to help defray the cost of the skating rink

Additional discussion will occur at next month's meeting.

Update on Senior activities was tabled until the March meeting. There was little new to report on the Rec. Committee calendar.

Green Up Day. Karen Klotz requested Committee approval for doing a poster/essay contest to publicize Green-Up Day and involve local school children in promoting the event. \$300 was proposed for prizes to the winners which would come out of the Green-Up Day budget unless

prize donations can be solicited from area merchants and restaurants. Karen was asked to come up with a budget for the event and to report back to the Rec. Committee at the March meeting.

Other Business:

Fun Run: It was decided that NEK Kids on the Move and the Recreation Committee will cooperate in organizing the Fun Run, with the Rec. Committee and Jessica in the lead. NEK Kids and the Committee will split the proceeds from the Run. Joe, Derek, and Kathy offered to help with specific tasks. Katharine will give Jessica and the Committee a summary of the tasks to be completed for a successful Run.

CAE-proposed Trail at Atkins Field. Katharine reported that she wrote a letter of support on behalf of the Committee and NEK Kids on the Move for the CAE grant proposal to create a "historic trail" in the Atkins Field woody area. She asked if Rec. should be involved in future years in maintaining the trail or if CAE should approach the Trails Committee about this. The Rec. Committee recommended that the CAE address this issue on their own without Rec. Committee involvement.

Amendment to Recreation Committee Policy: Katharine presented the Amendment developed and approved by the Trails Committee which would include Trails in the Policy authorizing the Recreation Committee. Following review of the Policy, it was unanimously approved, following a motion by Ron Wiesen and a second by Joe Brosseau. Kathy will follow up with Jon to make sure the Policy is amended and presented to the SB for approval.

Renewal of Coordinator Contract: Jessica reported that she is working more hours than are specified in her 2016 contract. There was considerable discussion of the impact of this on the budget and especially on next year's budget. The Committee decided that the Contract should be re-written to specify the number of hours that Jessica is currently working (10 per week instead of 8), but that this number of hours cannot continue into the following fiscal year unless funds are raised to support the increase. The raising of those funds will be an item on next month's agenda. Kathy will work with Jon and Brittany to get the contract re-written to reflect these stipulations.

Advertisement for new Rec. Committee members. Kathy reported that there were no responses to the Ad.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hemmens, Secretary

