

Franklin Recreation Meeting January 30, 2017

Participants: Bridget Thompson, Stephanie Ho, Bridgette Favreau, Nicole Tatro, Annie Wagner, Kathleen Engstrom, Tom Benton, Ty Choiniere, Maureen Sodaro, Ashley Bachelder

Bridget Thompson called meeting to order at 7:07.

Bridget motioned to approve the meeting minutes from January 23. Bridgette seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasurer reported that Little League Registrations are coming in, but haven't yet been tallied. Bridget motioned to approve this report. Nicole seconded. The motion passed.

Public Comment

Tom Benton from the Messenger asked questions about the Recreation Department. An overview of how the department started and goals the department has was provided.

New batteries were installed in the lock on the shed.

In the past, the MVU National Honor Society has sold tickets to Jay Peak. Would the Recreation Department be interested in sponsoring a ski day? Perhaps check with the Highgate Library for a contact.

Stephanie will share about the Kids Art night at MVU.

Summer Programming

The Library has events planned every Thursday from 6/29 through 7/27.

Kurt Valenta is available thru BBF; perhaps he could do a summer event.

Kathy Rouleau is planning a summer camp. Details are needed. St. Albans offers many summer camps, each with a different weekly theme.

Autumn and May Gratton are willing to offer a softball clinic, perhaps during April Vacation.

Ty provided information about the Highgate arena. There will be ice until 3/17. Turf will be installed and ready between 3/27 and 6/29. Then a bleacher project will be starting on 7/5. Contact a board member for turf time, and there is a fee. They try to fit everyone in.

Discussion about how much summer programming Franklin Recreation should offer and the length of the events. Discussion about having a survey or suggestion box about summer programming at the Winter Event. Attendees will brainstorm summer program ideas to discuss further at the next meeting.

Franklin Recreation Logo

The updated logo from Grizzly Graphix was reviewed. Bridgette makes motion to approve an order from Grizzly Graphix for apparel and a banner. Bridget seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Winter Event Planning

Discussion of the events that will be offered, who will be responsible for each event, and where volunteers will be needed.

A waiver and photo release will be probably be needed. Bridget will check with the Town Clerk about a waiver, and Kathleen will share the waiver/release that she uses at the Library.

Bridget will draft a flyer for the event.

Discussion about food. Will ask for donations whenever possible. There is a Dairy Promotion Board that will reimburse the cost of dairy products up to \$35. Annie has identified five community members willing to make pots of soup for 20-25 people each and will purchase bread for dinner. Bridget will reach out to Hannaford for cups, bowls, napkins, spoons, water, and paper lunch bags. Cider for dinner will be purchased with farm to school funds. Water and hot chocolate will also be available.

A thank you letter should be created that can be sent to people who donate to Franklin Recreation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.