

Franklin Recreation Meeting June 21, 2017

Participants: Bridgette Favreau, Bridget Thompson, Stephanie Ho, Nicole Tatro, Annie Wagner, Miriam Edele, Kathy Rouleau

Bridget Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:12.

Bridget motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June 5. Bridgette seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasurer reported that the 27 players who attended the Little League Challenge raised \$710. There are still a few bills that need to be tallied before reporting the final amount raised by the event, the number is expected to be around \$320.

Bridget motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Nicole seconded. The motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Miriam Edele

Miriam proposed a Franklin 5K race. Her vision includes a kickoff party at the town green, then a shuttle to take runners to the starting point at the town beach. The racers would run up Gallop Road to Middle Road and on Middle Road toward town. The race would end on Middle Road close to town and the racers would walk back to the town green for an ending ceremony.

Discussion followed about race dates, entry fees, t-shirts, medals, theme, age categories, a fun run for kids, and the possibility of a triathlon. A group will meet at 9am on July 5 to further work out details.

Recreation Director Job

To date there has been one applicant for this position. The applicant will be asked to meet with the board in July.

Recreation Board Members

There is a potential need for two new board members. A call for letters of interest will be posted in July.

Sponsorship/Fundraising

To date, 45 tickets have been sold for the Lake Monster Fundraiser. Franklin Recreation/Little League will earn \$3 per ticket sold.

Discussion about whether sponsorship letters should be sent out more than once per year.

Summer Programming

Insurance/Camps: Bridget met with the Town Selectboard to discuss possible insurance options. Going forward, for programs run through Franklin Recreation, an exposure fee will be assessed to provide workman's compensation for the person(s) running the program. If the individual(s) does not have liability insurance, he/she will have to sign a hold harmless form and all attendees will need to have a signed liability waiver.

Bus Trips: Franklin Recreation will provide bussing to Granby Zoo on August 8, and Snow Farm Winery for a concert on August 10. Discussion about what to charge and how to have interested people sign up. Details will be announced in July.

Community Event: Discussion about what type of activity to provide for the community event. Research will be conducted and discussed at the next meeting.

Field Use Schedule

For the summer activities at the fields, people/teams are asked to email franklinvtrecreation@gmail.com to reserve time.

Messenger Article

No new to report.

Little League

Season Recap: Many jerseys still need to be collected. Most of the equipment has been returned to the shed. Inventory needs to be completed.

The Little League Challenge was a success. Not a lot of older age kids attended. Discussion about how to improve it for next year. Ideas included holding it closer to the the end of the season

for the older teams, holding it on a Saturday, a shorter time frame, and having additional activities for the kids.

Notes for Next Year:

- All NWLL teams will be required to do evaluations.
- A clear chain of command for dealing with issues that arise should be created and shared for all of Franklin Little League.
- Elections for the NWLL board will be held in September.
- Begin planning in January for registrations and sponsorships.
- Should we switch to t-shirts for all teams and not worry about collecting jerseys?
- Perhaps a compilation of tips from past coaches on what works and what doesn't, plus a list of skills that are important to work on for each level could be helpful for coaches in the future.

Summer Meeting and Timeline Planning

Franklin Recreation meetings will occur on Tuesdays going forward. Future meeting dates:

7/11 @ 6pm

7/19 @ Selectboard Meeting

7/25 @ 6pm

8/15 @ 6:30pm

8/29 @ 6:30pm

Continuing every other Tuesday at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17.