

RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheena Royce, Christi Filipi, Bonnie Jones, Bill Brown, and Cindi Beede.

The meeting convened at 7:05pm.

1. Basketball: There are 45 kids registered for the 2019 Youth Basketball Program which is scheduled to start Thursday Jan 17th (practice) and Saturday Jan 19th (games). Jeff Joseph has ordered the shirts. There was some confusion because Mrs. Beede posted the incorrect start date (1/12) in the newsletter. Before the news submission, Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Beede discussed the possibility of hosting a clinic on Jan 12th, which didn't happen due to scheduling conflicts. Families were called and a post was made on the Fitzwilliam Recreation Facebook Page to fix this error.
2. Criminal Background Checks: The Town of Fitzwilliam has adopted a new background check policy and procedure for summer recreation and athletic teams. It has been difficult to get the background check forms filled out and sent to the State for processing in a timely manner. The Commission agrees that this needs to be done quicker, that athletic registrations need to be done sooner. Mrs. Beede suggests contacting former coaches before the upcoming seasons to get the volunteer process begun. She also suggests having a Notary at registration to help move things along.
3. Summer Rec: An advertisement for the position of Summer Recreation Director has been placed in the Keene Sentinel (paper and online versions). The advertisement is also posted in the Town Hall, at the Fitzwilliam Town Library, and in the town newsletter. The deadline for applications is March 1st.
4. Commission member: After the departure of long-serving Recreation Commission Member Bruce Lafond, Alternate Member Bill Brown will take his place. Bonnie Jones has informed the Commission that she will not serve after her term ends in March. She is willing to volunteer with events and activities. The Commission will seek to fill her position on the Commission as well as an Alternate position.
5. Strong: Sheena Royce would like to start a new session of Strong by Zumba in February. She is not sure of an exact start date. She and Mrs. Beede will make the necessary arrangements which include securing a facility for this program. Because dates have not been determined, the news will not be added to the February newsletter (due Jan 15th). Mrs. Beede stated she and Mrs. Royce will do their best to spread the word of upcoming classes via Facebook and emails to past participants.
6. C/I/T: Emily Jengo has offered to take the lead for the playgroup, Caregivers/Infants/Toddlers. She requested holding the playgroup at the Library on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning (not Friday as previously scheduled). Mrs. Beede made this suggestion to Kate Thomas, Library Director and is waiting for her final approval.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to adjourn at 8:00. The motion was seconded and then passed 5-0.