

RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheena Royce, Catie Bisson, Christi Filipi, Bill Brown, and Cindi Beede.

Mrs. Royce convened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Mr. Brown excused himself after the interviews due to another commitment.

1. Interviews: The Commission conducted 2 interviews for the Summer Recreation Director Position. A third candidate had to cancel last minute. The Commission then deliberated.
2. Summer Recreation update: After hiring a Summer Recreation Director, Mrs. Beede will post job openings for Leader positions. She mailed letters of interest to former counselors to give them an opportunity to be the first to apply. She is unsure who plans to return from last season.
3. Basketball update: The last games for the 2018 Fitzwilliam Youth Basketball Season were held on Saturday, February 17th. Ms. Bisson gave a summary of the season as she assisted Jeff Joseph, Director. She said the program ran smoothly and there seemed to be more parent/volunteer involvement this season. Even more involvement would be best. There were just 40 participants in the program. The numbers are low due to a few factors. The Monadnock Husky Boys Basketball team runs a clinic for kids at each Saturday at the same time. Also, the Troy and Emerson Boys Travel Team included kids grades 4-6th, limiting the pool of kids. For two years, the basketball season has gone over-budget and the Commission discussed whether or not to proceed with offering future programs. A final decision will be made by the fall.
4. Paint Night: An instructor from Wakadoodles Art Studio in Keene (Priya Allaire) will be instructing a Paint Night at the Fitzwilliam Depot on Saturday, March 10th from 5-7:00pm. The event has been advertised on FB, in the newsletters, and via flyers around town. The cost is \$30/per participant (up to 35). The Commission will offer light refreshments. Mrs. Beede will send out a sign-up list.
5. Board Games: Mrs. Beede suggested hosting a Board Game night, possibly held at the Fitzwilliam Depot. This would be a free family event, maybe with refreshments. The Commission decided to hold off on planning anything for March and possibly plan an evening in April.
6. Renaissance Fair: Mrs. Beede has been researching Renaissance-themed activities and crafts for the Fair that is being planned in October. She presented a few ideas like a javelin toss (made with pool noodles), a catapult craft, and a hobby horse (pool noodle) relay. Ms. Bisson shared her concerns about committing to two weekend events in one month. The Commission agreed it could be a lot, but Mrs. Royce reminded them that Caroline Tremblay, in a past meeting to promote the event, said she should have plenty of volunteers to help.
7. Strong by Zumba: The initial introductory session of Strong by Zumba has been successful and Mrs. Royce, instructor, would like to continue to offer additional sessions. The Samuel E. Paul Community Center has been a suitable venue for the classes, so another 6-week session will commence March 6th. Mrs. Royce will have a questionnaire for participants to receive feedback on the class.
8. C/I/T and Kids Yoga: Both Caregivers/Infants/Toddlers and Kids Yoga will be offered for one last 4-week session in the spring (starting the first week of April). Kristen Noonan has notified Mrs.

Beede that a new program leader will be needed since her daughter will be aged in the springtime. The program will break for the summer and hopefully someone will step forward so it can continue come September.

Mrs. Bisson made a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Filipi and then it passed 4-0.