

RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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

Mrs. Jones convened the meeting at 7:06pm.

1. Soccer: The Commission recapped the 2017 Soccer Program which officially ended on October 14th. Jenn Fritz has completed all obligations as Soccer Coordinator and has been issued her stipend. The season was successful. There were a few games against the Marlborough Recreation Department. This went well and we hope to reach out to Marlborough and maybe a few other towns next year to compete against.
2. Spooktacular Fall Fest & CW5K: The Spooktacular Fall Fest went really well. Adding games on the common was successful. The Congregational Church joined the festivities with games of their own. The Recreation Department was unaware that they were going to be there, but was felt they added to the event. Next year, the Commission plans to reach out to other community organizations such as the Congregational Church, Emerson PTCO and the Historical Society to discuss their possible involvement. The Commission agreed that there was some confusion transitioning from the road race to the Spooktacular Fall Fest. Mrs. Beede suggested assigning separate committees for both events if they are to be held on the same day. The Kid's Monster Mile went well and most kids came in festive costumes. There were 22 kids. The 5K had only 17 participants, some in costumes, but that number reflects the minimal advertising done for the event. The Commission feels there is potential for the race to be held in October, but work needs to be done to improve attendance. This discussion will be tabled for now and approached at a later meeting date.
3. Interview: An interview was had with a candidate for the 2018 Basketball Coordinator Position.
4. Basketball: Mrs. Beede attended a meeting held at Monadnock High School on October 30th. The meeting included members Tom Cote (Athletic Director), Audrey Salzmann (Cutler Principal), and Curt Dutilley (Girls Varsity Basketball Coach). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a newly organized recreation basketball program in the town of Swanzey. The Swanzey Recreation Coordinator couldn't make it to the meeting, but his proposal for a league was on the table for discussion. Mrs. Beede explained how the Fitzwilliam program worked and she expressed interest in scheduling games among the two towns. The overall consensus among meeting members was that the towns within the district should try to work together to better prepare kids at a recreation level of sports so they will continue and succeed once they hit middle and high school levels. It is a concern to all that the number of kids participating in sports is on the decline.

Registration for Fitzwilliam Basketball is scheduled for December 4th at the Fitzwilliam Town Hall from 5:30-7pm. Program dates are January 13th- Feb 14th (with the possible addition of a clinic on Saturday, January 6th).

5. Ice Rink: The Commission will inquire about using other resources in town to skate. The basketball court is showing signs of wear and tear. The Commission isn't sure if the Pole Barn is

the best place to set up a portable ice rink. The Commission is still weighing the pros and cons of setting up the rink. Mrs. Filipi suggested that the Commission look into using the town's natural resources for a winter event. Mrs. Beede wondered if the Children's Fishing Pond could be used for a skating party. She will look into the liability of doing so.

6. Exercise Class: Mrs. Royce thinks she will be ready to offer exercise classes to the community in January. She will be in contact with Mrs. Beede to plan a session.

Mrs. Royce made a motion to adjourn at 8:30. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Jones and then passed 5-0.