

Vershire Recreation Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Location: Town Center building and via Zoom

Attendees: Ken Bushey, Karen Ward, Liz Thames, Aaron Hoopes (via Zoom)

Meeting started: 5:33pm

Meeting adjourned: 6:35pm

I. Tax-exempt status:

- We are under the jurisdiction of the town of Vershire and tax exempt due to that.
- Ken will get the tax exempt info from Gene Craft and distribute to other committee members for use when purchasing materials.

II. Officer elections:

- Ken Bushey will serve as chair
- Karen Ward as vice chair
- Liz Thames as secretary
- Voted on and seconded by all

III. Ice Skating Rink:

- Ken ordered brackets and a liner for the rink, all of which was delivered to Ken's house.
- Liz wrote a letter requesting donations from Home Depot. Ken will get approval from the selectboard for Liz to send this along to her contact at Home Depot.
 - Add: shovels, sleds, popcorn maker to the request list
- Rink will be 40 x 60, already marked in the baseball field behind the town center
- We need to schedule a volunteer day to build it. Needs to be before too much snow. Decided on November 20th at 9am, provided we have all of the materials by then.

IV. Ice Skates for people to use for free at the rink:

- Stateline has ice skates—would they donate?
- Robert's thrift store in Bradford might have them—Karen will check with them
- The Inn at Lake Morey rents skates—would they donate their old skates?
- Where to store the ice skates?
 - Tie them up next to the wood oven?
 - Let kids borrow a pair for the season? Rent them for free for the season and ask for them to be returned
 - Keep them at the Versshare library? Church Orr house? At the shop?

V. Other materials needed: Nets, pucks and sticks, milk crates:

- Liz to check if Home Depot might carry them and will donate them
- Or Wal-Mart?
- Karen to look for milk crates for little kids to hold onto
- Versshare has a lot of snowshoes that we could use.

VI. Listserve posting:

- Liz to draft posting for listserve. Sat, Nov 20th at 9am for ice rink building party. Karen can add to the Westshire newsletter.
- Include: date of volunteer day to build the rink, request donations of sleds, ice skates, nets, pucks, milk crates and sticks as well as donations of money to the town of Vershire. Ken to ask Gene how checks should be made out.

VII. Reflections on food trucks:

- We didn't charge the trucks this year, but we did make some money from tips. We had a tip jar for the Rec Committee and the food truck tipped us some.
- Next year we may need to charge the food trucks for coming here.
- Next year, we should have the food truck on a different night. Barre has a food truck event on Thursdays already, so another night would be better.
- Do it once a month again starting in the summer.

VIII. Ice maintenance:

- Ken already got an ice cleaner to scrape down the ice to keep it flat when it warms up
- Cleaning snow off the ice?
 - Pete Landers will fix a snowblower for Gary Goodrich to clear it off.
 - We'll communicate about how often it needs to be cleared.
 - We may need people to volunteer in a rotation for clearing the snow off.

IX. Internet:

- The town is looking into creating a media policy so that we could have a Facebook page
- Can we be listed on the town website? Ken to ask Gene.

X. Winter events:

- Once it snows, could we do events outside? Bonfire?
- Let's do sledding, bonfire, hot cocoa, marshmallows
- Ken will research Santa options, but not sure what we can do outside.
- Could we get live reindeer? Karen to look into that.
- Carriage rides from the Streeter Farm in Orford? Karen to ask them if they could bring the carriages here.
- Karen has blow-up holiday decorations we could set out
- Let's do this as an ice rink grand opening party!
- Decided on Saturday, January 15th at 11am
- Food:
 - Could we get a food truck?
 - Or a steamed hot dog cooker that we could sell them for \$2?
 - Popcorn maker? Maybe Ken could borrow one.

XI. Rec Committee Budget:

- We need to give Gene a budget for how much we think we need for the year by mid-January