

## VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, April 5, 2023

**Meeting commenced:** 5:05pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:01pm

**Location:** Vershire Town Center

**Attendees:** Ken Bushey, Reva Seybolt and Liz Thames

**Minutes submitted by:** Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

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- I. Review and approve February 22, 2023 meeting minutes:
  - a. Reva motioned to approve; Ken seconded. Minutes are approved.
  
- II. Review purchasing plans for remainder of fiscal year 2022-2023:
  - a. \$4,504 remains (we should aim to spend before June 30th)
  - b. Plan to purchase:
    - Basketball netting: Ken to research
    - Horseshoe pits: Ken will seek to have these donated
    - Kickball supplies: need some kickballs
    - Ping pong paddles, balls and net
    - Storage bins: 5
    - Soccer nets: need two conduit pieces
    - Check on badminton set to see if we need any new pieces
    - Easter decorations: Ken to purchase
    - Other seasonal decorations would be awesome too
    - Supplies for upcoming events (see below)
  
- III. Pavilion and Town Center Committee updates from Reva (as needed)
  
- IV. Storage area was organized by Karen, Devon, Reva and Liz:
  - a. Still need to put some items outside in the shed (once the snow melts)
  - b. Will organize into storage bins once those are purchased
  
- V. Review of Past and Upcoming Events:
  - 1) 4/1/23 Easter event debrief:
    - a. Went fabulously well. Very well-attended. Should definitely do this annually. Will need more plastic eggs and hardboiled eggs next year!
    - b. Need to buy more seltzer, chips, popcorn kernels and oil
  - 2) Need to schedule a day to take down the ice rink and move the shed:
    - a. Ken will let us know when
  - 3) Continue Adult Game Night every third Wednesday: Weds, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
    - a. Liz to advertise
  - 4) Sat, May 6 is Green Up Day:
    - a. We will be collecting tires; Reva will collect the money at trash & recycling that day
  - 5) May: food truck (no bounce house)
    - a. Weds, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm is confirmed

- i. VinDogs food truck is booked, per Karen
  - b. This will be a joint event with Adult Game Night as it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds
- 6) Fri, June 16: end-of-school party:
  - a. Fri, June 16<sup>th</sup> is confirmed as the last day of school:
    - i. Liz will book the bounce house
    - ii. We'll make pizzas in the town oven as a fundraiser to buy a snowblower next winter
    - iii. We'll also set up the popcorn machine, hot dog machine, ice cream, chips, a side?, baked beans?
    - iv. Nate has offered to make the pizza dough ahead of time
    - v. Do it by donation
  - b. David Hooke said this shouldn't be a problem with the pavilion construction but we should check in with him as the date nears
- 7) Pavilion raising Saturday, June 24; roof goes up on June 25:
  - a. Goal is to make this a Town Center Work Day: some folks will help with the pavilion, others will do other tasks. Can we help advertise and come up with work ideas? Reva needs to know from us by mid-May:
    - i. Work on the walking trail?
    - ii. Spread gravel on walkway?
    - iii. Dig horseshoe pits?
    - iv. Could we take down the skate rink this day? No, needs to be done ahead of this
- 8) Saturday, July 1: Vershire Day:
  - a. We will run the activities for kids/families
  - b. We'll rent a bounce house (this will be paid out of next year's FY 23-24 budget)
  - c. Perhaps start the kid/family activities at 4 or 5pm: dunk tank; bounce house; kids activities, etc!
  - d. Check with VerShare on if they want to sell pizzas—that would be great as it would enable us to focus on the games and activities
  - e. A live band is already booked
  - f. Debra is looking for someone else to take on gathering food donations for the chicken BBQ
- 9) August: back-to-school bounce house party and food truck
- 10) September: back-to-school potluck for families with school-age kids
- 11) October: harvest festival is now fully under our jurisdiction
- 12) November: do Towns-giving again?
- 13) December: horse-drawn sleigh rides with holiday event
- 14) January: Skiway tickets for next year?
  - a. Adult weekday morning?

VI. Other event ideas:

- Paint and sip painting event for adults?:
  - Find out who runs these around here
- Open mic night/variety show:
  - Goal is to do this in Spring 2024

- Start planning in Fall 2023
- Talk to Deb Kingsbury
- Live bands outside in warmer months (we could totally sell pizzas!)
  - Liz to email bands for prices and availability
  - Grants for live music? We should apply
    - Liz might be able to write it
  - Ken spoke with Allie about his son's band
- Pizza fundraisers
  - Wait on confirming dates depending on when bands are available
  - Would be best to do these in conjunction with a live band

VII. Committee Report due April 8<sup>th</sup> to Gene Craft:

- a. Per Gene: "If you would like to have your organization's report in our town report, please have your organization's report to me as soon as you can but no later than April 8, 2023. Reports should not be longer 2400 characters to conserve and keep the cost of printing the report down. All reports are subject to editing if space demands."
- b. Liz to write this and include what we've done in the last year and what we plan to do next year:
  - i. Thanks to community members for support and for coming; we plan on continuing with events such as:
  - ii. We hope to do live music

VIII. Discussion about baseball field (move to next meeting):

- a. Make a survey to ask the community what they'd like to have done with the baseball field

IX. Discussion about trail loop from town center building to post office and back:

- a. Would people use it? What shape is it in now?

X. Any other business:

- a. Electric bike tour around Vershire? Ken to research

XI. Adjournment: Ken motioned to adjourn at 7:01pm, Liz seconded. The meeting was adjourned.