

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Meeting Commenced: 5:14pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:22pm

Location: Vershire Town Center

Attendees: Ken Bushey, Reva Seybolt, Liz Thame and Devan Waters

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thame, Recreation Committee Secretary

- I. Review and approve October 4, 2023 meeting minutes:
 - a. Ken motioned to approve; Reva seconded
- II. Eagle Hollow rock climbing area discussion:
 - a. Ken plans to visit with Aaron and rock climber Matt to assess the trail
- III. Upcoming Events/Past Event Debriefs:
 - 1) Debrief on Sunday, October 15th Harvest Festival:
 - a. Start advertising earlier next year
 - b. Be more organized with stations next year
 - c. Assign jobs to Mountain School students
 - d. Do the chili cook-off & apple pie contest again next year
 - e. Need better clean-up at end
 - f. Hire a band again next year
 - 2) November: Towns-giving on Saturday, November 18
 - a. Set-up ice rink at 9am
 - i. Reva and Ken to make sure Gary can move the dirt
 - ii. Ask people to bring: hammers, screw guns, bits
 - b. Potluck and soup & stews at 4:30pm; board games, etc inside
 - 3) December: Holiday Event on Saturday, December 9, 2023; 1-3pm
 - a. VerShare holiday sale will be Sat, Dec 2
 - b. Nicole's dad will be Santa again
 - c. Craft: ornament decorating:
 - i. Karen to plan this
 - d. Cookie dough & decorating with Liz:
 - i. Liz will make the dough ahead of time and then bake it at the TCB with the kids
 - e. Hot cocoa: was too hot last year; need to make it cooler this year
 - f. Buy candy canes this year
 - g. Have a winter gear swap for all sizes & ages (adults too) → drop off in bin on COH porch (Devon to supply bin and manage it; she will ask Andi if that's ok)
 - h. Popcorn machine
 - i. Coloring pages
 - j. Coloring table cloths
 - 4) January: Ice Rink Grand Opening (Date TBD as its weather dependent)
 - a. Budgeted \$800 for a liner but probably don't need to purchase one; put \$800 + \$289 in donations toward buying a snowblower

- b. Ken to get a deal on a snowblower (hopefully); Town Center Committee may pay for it
 - c. Fire pit is purchased
- 5) Westshire is tentatively planning to do a winter carnival at the Town Center in order to have the kids ice skate, snow shoe and build snowmen
- 6) Skiway tickets for adults on a weekday morning:
 - a. Ken spoke with Dartmouth Skiway and this should work
 - b. \$10 per person per day for a set number of weeks; need to commit in advance (for example: 6 people for 6 weeks every Tuesday):
 - i. Weekdays: have to pick a day of the week, but it can be anytime that day
 - ii. Make a google form for ppl to sign-up via the listserve
 - iii. No cap on how many people can participate
 - iv. \$10 rental per day
 - c. Advertising: listserve post with a google form to fill out; how will we have people pay?
 - i. Devan to set up registration google doc
 - ii. Needs to include a link to the Skiway release
 - iii. Ken to ask Gene how he wants us to have people pay
 - iv. Liz to draft listserve post
- 7) Family movie night : Sat, January 27 at 4pm:
 - a. Inside, upstairs
 - b. Hot dogs, popcorn, crafts (need big boxes for car craft)
 - c. Ask for movie suggestions
- 8) Weds, January 17 at 6pm:
 - a. Adult game night
- 9) Saturday, February 17, 2024:
 - a. Adult movie night
 - b. 7pm
- 10) February TBD date:
 - a. Kid game night
 - b. Depends on which day we get ski passes for

- IV. Liz to do's:
 - a. Liz will make a poster listing dates of all upcoming events
 - b. Put Budgeting on agenda for next month: Liz to send budget spreadsheet around.
 - c. Send event dates to Gretchen for town calendar and maybe posters too?
- V. Future Food Truck possibilities:
 - a. Cornerstone
 - b. Chicken Wiggle
- VI. Future event ideas:
 - 1) Piano event? Reva to look into it
 - 2) February: do a band inside? Adult prom?
 - c. Ted Mortimer's band—Reva to ask Caro to ask Ted

- d. Jordan Lyford's band—save them for next summer so that they can play outside
- 3) March: do karaoke?
 - a. Movie evening inside
 - b. Paint-n-sip?
 - i. Karen to ask art teacher if she could do this
 - ii. We would buy the supplies and paint
- 4) Teen hang-out night: high school & middle school:
 - a. Amanda is in conversations with Rivendell Academy
 - i. Reva noted that Alice and Tovah are looking into creating a more permanent teen hangout spot at the Church Orr House
 - b. Regular event? Monthly? Start in January
 - c. Snacks, games, etc
 - d. We can chaperone
- 5) Talent show: April?
 - a. Amanda is in touch with Deb Kingsbury to learn about the Extravaganza process
- 6) Kids Craft Fair/Show

VII. Pavilion and Town Center Committee updates from Reva (as needed)

VIII. Planning Commission:

- a. Liz to write: a section on community development. What would we like to see over the next ten years? A vision of what we'd like to do:
 - i. Keep the field as a field for playing
 - ii. Maintain the playground and pizza oven
 - 1. Add a sandbox with cover/toddler playground
 - 2. A playhouse
 - iii. Regular events on a monthly basis:
 - iv. talent show
 - v. Vershare camp
 - vi. Ice rink
 - vii. Passes for rec activities outside of Vershire (Treasure Island passes, Skiway passes, etc)
 - viii. Group exercise classes for all ages:
 - 1. By donation and hosted by the Rec Committee would be fine

IX. Any other business

X. Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22pm; Reva seconded. Meeting was adjourned.