

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Location: Vershire Town Center

Meeting Commenced: 5:07pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:23pm

Attendees: Ken Bushey, Reva Seybolt and Liz Thames

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

- I. Review and approve 3/6/24 meeting minutes:
 - a. Ken motioned to approve; Reva seconded. Minutes were approved.
- II. Ice rink updates:
 - a. Will plan a clean-up day after everything has dried out:
 - i. Possibly the Saturday before green up day? April 27th maybe, depending on weather.
 - ii. Liz will be out of town; Reva and Ken will organize and do listserve advertisements.
 - b. It would be ideal to keep up the lights and boards for next year
- III. Budget Planning and Discussion: see google spreadsheet budget [here](#):
 - a. Town meeting is Sunday, April 7th at 1pm
- IV. Liz to create a google drive for the Rec Committee:
 - a. Create a folder and give everyone editor capability
- V. Upcoming Events/Past Event Debriefs:
 - 1) Debrief on Saturday, March 30th Easter Egg Hunt:
 - a. Went great; doing the egg hunt outside was fine
 - b. Robust attendance: probably 40 families
 - c. Do this schedule again next year and put it on the posters:
 - i. 10am: hardboiled egg decorating; 10:30am: egg hunt; 10:45am: photos with the Easter Bunny
 - 2) Date TBD: paint-n-snacks event:
 - a. Can we, as the Rec Committee, charge for this and then pay her for her work?
 - i. \$200 to the art teacher
 - ii. Have a donation jar
 - b. Offer chips and seltzer
 - c. A weeknight would be better; could do 6pm
 - d. Rec Comm would need to provide the materials: wood, paint, brushes
 - 3) May: Do just food truck for this event: Thursday, May 23rd:
 - a. Karen has booked VinDogs: 4:30pm
 - b. Liz will cancel the bounce house
 - c. Ken to talk to Gregory about the logistics of this being on a Thursday night

- 4) June: Friday the 14th: end-of-school party (date pending actual last day of school, which hasn't been announced yet):
 - a. Face painting
 - b. Grill burgers and hot dogs
 - c. Liz booked bounce house
 - d. Band? Mike Gunn asked if his son could play. That would be great; we'll wait to hear back from Mike on what he charges.
- 5) July: Saturday the 6th: Vershire Day:
 - a. Liz let Laura Craft know that we'll do the same activities we did last year
 - b. Bounce house and dunk tank are booked:
 - i. Ask if it can be delivered the day before or earlier in the day by 9am. Pick-up by 8pm (fireworks)
 - c. Possible new addition: a duck race in the river? Ken to investigate
- 6) August: Friday the 23rd: Back-to-School party, 4-9pm
 - a. Monday, August 26 is the first day of school
 - b. Book a bounce house
 - c. Book a food truck? Liz emailed *The Box* Mexican food truck
 - d. Book a band? Ken to investigate
- 7) September: 5pm on Friday, September 20th: band and pizza
 - a. Do advance orders for pizza
 - b. Ken to look into bands
 - c. No bounce house
- 8) October: Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Festival
 - a. 11am – 3pm
 - b. Book a bounce house
 - c. Ask Aaron to do a Kung Fu demonstration
 - d. Book a band

VI. Summer outdoor activities to set up:

- a. Basketball, badminton net, horseshoe equipment
- b. Make some sort of box to hold balls, jump ropes, etc:
 - i. Need some scrap lumber
 - ii. We can build it onto the side of the equipment shed
 - iii. It can be designed essentially as a chicken nesting box—a long and narrow rectangle with an overhanging roof. It should be open so people know the equipment is in there.

VII. Future event ideas:

- 1) Adult prom
- 2) Karaoke
- 3) Teen event
- 4) Kids Craft Fair/Show

VIII. Group exercise classes:

- a. The challenge is the need for insurance if the class isn't free

- b. Do a suggested donation?
- c. VerShare is willing to sponsor this and do it under their insurance.
 - i. They will check with their insurance and Reva will follow-up on the paperwork.
 - ii. VerShare has asked their insurance provider, but haven't heard back yet
 - iii. There will be a calendar on the Vershire Town Center website
 - iv. A sponsored event by any town organization will fill out a form and, if it's sponsored, the insurance doesn't have to be dealt with
 - v. If it's free and open to the public (even if by donations), then it's free to use the TCB
 - 1. If charging a specific amount, you need to go to the selectboard

IX. Tabled for future discussion and/or notes to carry forward:

- a. Eagle Hollow rock-climbing area: Ken to facilitate
- b. Don't do a Towns-giving event again: not enough attendees

X. Town website:

- a. There is now a Rec Comm page on the town website
- b. We can send Gretchen photos and information for the page, including our event posters

XI. We need a Town Center lost and found box:

- a. Reva to determine where one should go outside
 - i. We discussed either under the pavilion or next to the pizza oven.

XII. Reva motioned to adjourn at 6:23pm; Ken seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm.