

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Meeting Commenced: 5:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:03pm

Location: Vershire Town Center

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

Attendees: Ken Bushey, Liz Thames, Devan Waters and guests Andi Vitols and Madge Morris

- I. Review and approve June 2024 meeting minutes (no July meeting was held)
 - a. Devan motioned to approve minutes; Ken seconded. The minutes are approved with no amendments.
- II. Debrief on Vershire Day:
 - a. Kid farmer's market vendors are interested in coming to any of our events
 - b. Liz to make tracker for amount received in donations per event
 - c. Glow sticks should be paid for by the town
 - d. Is there any money in the town budget for Vershire Day? Rec Comm paid for the bounce house, dunk tank, food, glow sticks, activities, etc.
 - e. **Notes:** do hot dogs again next year
- III. Eagle Hollow rock-climbing area: Ken is working on this
 - a. Ken to meet with Mark Harvey
 - b. There may be rules needed surrounding the rock climbing area
- IV. Outdoor equipment is set-up and has been advertised:
 - plastic garden chest with balls, bats, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, etc
 - Vershare will replace the hula hoops damaged at camp
- V. Gregory is interested in co-hosting a contra dance with us:
 - a. Liz will follow-up with Gregory
- VI. Liz to create a google drive for the Rec Committee
- VII. Upcoming Events:
 - 1) August: Friday the 23rd: Back-to-School party, 4-9pm
 - a. Monday, August 26 is the first day of school
 - b. Liz booked bounce house from 4-9pm
 - c. Let's grill again:
 - i. Veggie burgers
 - ii. Loose beef
 - iii. Buns
 - iv. Bananas
 - v. Clementines
 - vi. Watermelon
 - vii. Chips

- viii. Ice Cream
 - d. Karen booked the Blue Rooster Band
 - e. This is on the town calendar
- 2) Fall: paint-n-snack event?
- 3) September: 5pm on Friday, September 20th: band and pizza
 - a. Liz to ask Nate if he wants to make the dough
 - b. Do grilling
 - c. Ken to look into bands
 - d. No bounce house
 - e. This is on the town calendar
- 4) October: Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Festival
 - a. 11am – 3pm
 - b. Liz booked bounce house from 10am-3:30pm
 - c. Ask Aaron to do a Kung Fu demonstration
 - i. Devan to ask
 - d. Liz to book a blue grass band
 - e. Andi will do the book sale upstairs
 - f. This is on the town calendar
- 5) November: skate rink set-up for some time towards the end of this month.
Needs to be done during the day to fill it
- 6) December: Select a date soon (Saturday the 7th is preferred)
 - a. do Santa event, Vershare holiday market and tree lighting all at the same time? Do book giveaway at the library?
 - b. Tonya (holiday market); Gary (tree lighting);
 - c. Ken to ask Nicole if her dad can be Santa again

VIII. Future event ideas:

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

IX. Group exercise classes:

- a. Can we do them at Westshire? (Liz to ask Karen)
 - i. Karen to ask Westshire if we can do it there
 - ii. The classes can be by donation
 - iii. Karen will contact the Zumba instructor to see if she's free on Wednesday nights
- b. The challenge is the need for insurance if the class isn't free
- c. Do a suggested donation?
- d. If at the TCB, 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, then it's free to use the TCB:
 - 1. If charging a specific amount, you need to go to the selectboard
- X. Tabled for future discussion and/or notes to carry forward:
 - a. Don't do a Towns-giving event again: not enough attendees.
 - b. Need to determine what the town Vershire Day budget can cover as opposed to the Rec Comm budget for that event. We would like to do hot dogs again next year, but it was very expensive this year.
- XI. Town website:
 - a. There is now a Rec Comm page on the town website
 - i. Put the Town report info on the website?
 - b. We can send Gretchen photos and information, including our event posters
- XII. Any other business:
 - a. Madge Morris came to discuss painting a mural with kids:
 - i. Matt Colors The World @gmail.com
 - ii. Madge would like to sponsor a mural painting and hang it on her house
 - iii. These are large, fabric murals that the kids paint on
 - iv. Liz to connect Madge with Sara Rose, the principal at Westshire
 - v. This could happen either at Westshire OR at the Town Center as a multi-week session for kids (sponsored by Rec Committee)
 - vi. Us2q8@yahoo.com (Madge Morris)
 - b. Andi:
 - i. Pizza oven: VerShare would like clarification on whether or not they can run fundraisers using the pizza oven:
 - 1. The pizza oven is owned by the town and so they'll need to check with the town regarding its use in fundraising. The Rec Committee does not have jurisdiction over the pizza oven.
 - ii. VerShare is interested in using the pizza oven on Fall Festival day and also doing a training event at that time:
 - 1. Andi suggested they might do rolls/bread to accompany the chili cook off. Everyone agreed that was a great idea and would be better than pizza for that event.
 - 2. It's fine with the Rec Comm for Vershare to use the oven on that day
 - iii. Vershare is interested in collaborating around community dinners as well
- XIII. Ken motioned to adjourn at 6:03pm; Liz seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.