

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Location: Vershire Town Center

Agenda submitted by: Liz Thamas, Rec Committee Secretary

Meeting commenced: 5:03pm

Meeting adjourned: 6:18pm

Attendees: Ken Bushey, Reva Seybolt, Liz Thamas, Ashleen Buchanan, Kathy Hooke

- I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):
 - a. Ashleen Buchanan is interested in joining the committee
 - b. Kathy Hooke is potentially interested in joining the committee to serve as liaison to the Rivendell trail system:
 - i. Patterson Mountain trail work day: Saturday, September 21st from 9-noon followed by a picnic at noon:
 1. Do a trail adopter workshop in the afternoon
 2. Co-sponsored by The Rec Committee and the Rivendell Trails Association
 3. Ken to present this to the Selectboard on the 10th
 4. Liz to put this on the listserve and make a poster
- II. Review and approve August 7, 2024 meeting minutes:
 - a. Reva motioned to approve; Ken seconded. Minutes are approved without edits.
- III. Debrief on Back to School Party:
 - a. Amanda suggested: maybe do it on the Friday after the start of school next year?
 - b. Summer Activities Bingo—do again for winter
 - c. We do have leftover food in the freezer—make a plan to use it
 - d. We'd like to get older folks to attend our events; a more diverse community group
 - i. Ideas: better food, a real meal, a more specific/focused activity/event
 - ii. Speaker series? A hike?
- IV. Eagle Hollow rock-climbing area
- V. Some outdoor equipment needs to be replaced post-camp:
 - Hula hoops, big bouncy balls, sidewalk chalk
 - Liz to check in with Devan and Andi
- VI. Gregory is interested in co-hosting a contra dance with us:
 - a. Liz will follow-up with Gregory
 - b. Kathy said David might be willing to play piano and they have a friend who can fiddle and call the dance: maybe in February? Valentine's Day?
- VII. Liz made a google drive for the Rec Committee
 - a. Everyone should have access—please check to confirm
 - b. Also send to Gretchen

- c. Send again with these minutes
- d. Liz to make tracker for amount received in donations per event and number of attendees

VIII. Upcoming Events:

- 1) Fall: paint-n-snack event?
- 2) CANCEL: Friday, September 20th: 5pm band and pizza
 - a. Kathy to work on creating a survey about pizza oven use and then decide on a date for the pizza oven training class—maybe Saturday the 28th. Ken will lead the workshop
- 3) October: Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Festival
 - a. noon – 3pm
 - b. Vershire 5k group would like to have their 5k that morning: tell them that's ok
 - c. Liz booked bounce house from 10am-3:30pm
 - d. Ask Aaron to do a Kung Fu demonstration
 - i. Ken to ask
 - e. Ken to talk to Cannan about his band performing
 - f. Mountain School kids: check with Holly on timing
 - i. Apple press?
 - g. Activities:
 - i. Face painting
 - ii. Donut on string
 - iii. Polaroid camera with film (Ken has)
 - h. Prizes for apple pie and chili
 - i. Back-up food: hot dogs and burgers?
 - j. Andi will do the book sale upstairs
 - k. This is on the town calendar
 - l. Vershare may be interested in making bread in the pizza oven
- 4) November: skate rink set-up for some time towards the end of this month.
Needs to be done during the day to fill it
 - a. Maybe November 30th? Ken to check with the fire department
- 5) December: Saturday the 7th from 1-3pm
 - a. do Santa event, Vershare holiday market and tree lighting all at the same time? Do book giveaway at the library?
 - b. Tonya or Lucas? (holiday market); Gary (tree lighting); Andi (library)
 - c. Ken to ask Nicole if her dad can be Santa again: YES, he can

IX. Future event ideas:

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

X. Group exercise classes

XI. 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.
- c. Maybe do the Back to School party on the Friday after school starts? Instead of before

XII. 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

XIII. Any other business

XIV. Ken motioned to adjourn at 6:18pm; Reva seconded. The meeting was adjourned.