

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Location: Vershire Town Center

Meeting Commenced: 5:08pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:28pm

Attendees: Ken Bushey, Kathy Hooke, Reva Seybolt, Karen Ward and Liz Thames

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

- I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):
 - a. No one at this meeting.
- II. Review and approve September 4, 2024 meeting minutes:
 - a. Ken motioned to approve; Karen seconded. Minutes were approved with no amendments.
- III. Debrief on Patterson Mtn Work Day:
 - a. Kathy reports there were 16 people in attendance (oldest volunteer was 91) and they were able to do a lot of work.
 - b. Kathy was also able to recruit volunteers for Hawkins Mtn clearing.
 - c. They now need to do brush hauling and downed tree clearing on Patterson.
 - d. Kathy will reach out to the Mountain School to see if their students might be able to help.
 - i. Karen suggested she also reach out to the snowmobile and ATV club to see if they'd be willing to help.
 - e. The goal is to get the trail to the point where it can be mowed annually.
 - f. It will also eventually need a timber harvest to ensure the long-term health of the forest. Maybe this could be done next year?
 - i. Perhaps a timber harvest could pay for improvements to the trail?
 - ii. We also want to involve our tree warden, Mark Fogarty. Kathy will reach out to him.
- IV. Eagle Hollow rock-climbing area:
 - a. No update at this time
- V. Some outdoor equipment needs to be replaced post-camp:
 - Hula hoops, big bouncy balls, sidewalk chalk
 - Liz emailed Devan and Andi to check
- 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 on a Saturday in March, circa 4 or 5pm
 - i. Kathy to ask David about a date
 - c. Budget would be circa \$100 for the fiddler/caller

- VII. Liz made a google drive for the Rec Committee
- a. Everyone should have access—please check to confirm
 - b. Liz to make tracker for amount received in donations per event and number of attendees
- VIII. Upcoming Events:
- 1) Saturday, October 19th: Harvest Festival, noon – 3pm
 - a. Vershire 5k group will have their 5k that morning at 9am
 - b. Liz booked bounce house from 10am-3:30pm
 - c. Aaron will do Kung Fu demonstration: Ken has confirmed
 - d. No live music
 - e. Mountain School kids:
 - i. Liz is coordinating and created a sign-up sheet for the students
 - ii. Apple press: they will bring it
 - iii. Liz to ask if they have pumpkins they could donate
 - f. Activities:
 - i. Face painting: Liz to buy face paint on Amazon
 - ii. Donut on string: Karen to take care of (will try to get donated from Hannaford's)
 - iii. Food drive
 - iv. Polaroid cameras with film (Ken to bring)
 - v. Pumpkin decorating: Devan to get pumpkins?
 1. Liz to buy washable paint and paintbrushes
 - vi. Kathy to ask Marc McKee if he has any pumpkins or squash to donate
 - g. Need to get:
 - i. Prizes for apple pie and chili contests:
 - a. Liz to ask Rosie for donated gift cards from KAF
 - ii. Advertise for 11 & under and then ages 12-18 (both pie and chili)
 - iii. Decorations & pumpkins
 - h. Back-up food: hot dogs and burgers?
 - i. Roast hot dogs over the fire pit?
 - ii. Assign Mtn School students to monitor
 - i. Andi will do the book sale upstairs
 - j. This is on the town calendar
 - k. VerShare may be interested in making bread in the pizza oven: email Shirley Collins to ask if they want to do that
 1. Check on our supply of bowls, silverware, plates, napkins and cups
 - m. Liz and Karen will be there; Ken, Kathy and Reva are TBD
 - 2) 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 Saturday, November 30th? Ken to check with the fire department
 - 3) 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!
 - 4) January: ice skating event in early January? With a bonfire?
 - a. After-school skating club?
- IX. Future event ideas:
 - 1) Full-moon hike on Patterson? With a camp fire?
 - 2) Adult prom
 - 3) Contra dance
 - 4) Karaoke
 - 5) Teen event: bonfire?
- X. Group exercise classes: these are going to happen at Westshire on Wednesdays (not through Vershire Rec)
- 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:
 - a. AARP Vermont Winter Placemaking grant: Kathy is willing to look at this
 - i. We should also look into applying to the Byrne Foundation
 - b. Reva and Caro want to start a cards/games weeknight starting at 5:30 or 6pm in November/December
- XIV. Karen motioned to adjourn at 6:28pm and Ken seconded.