

Johnson Recreation

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2019, 6:00 PM

Johnson Public Library

Present: Nat Kinney, Lisa Crews, Tasha Bradley, Brian Story, Kyle Senesac, Ariel from Holland Barcomb, Jasmine Yuris, Jenn Yuris, George Waweru, Walter Pomeroy, Allen Audette, Katie Orost

- Upcoming Programs:
 - Soccer:
 - Lisa circulated volunteer signup sheets for assembling coaches bags
 - We plan on hosting the annual 5-6 soccer tournament in Mill Park in October. The date has not been set yet.
 - Lisa will reach out to volunteers as needed for assistance
 - Gymnastics:
 - We need to recruit a gymnastics teacher. Lisa will post the job and advertise for it.
 - Everyone present agreed that we should purchase the used pommel horse that the elementary school is selling – and that we will pay up to \$200 for it. Lisa and Brian will negotiate with JES for the horse.
 - Archery:
 - Nat said that the schedule for fall session will depend largely on the availability of the instructor Denise Krause.
 - Katie and Allen expressed interest in helping to organize fall archery

- New Initiatives:
 - Kyle and Walter both expressed interest in building recreational trails on the Talc Mill property. The “Talc Mill Recreation Proposal” of 2012 provides a detailed plan for how and where to build these trails. Walter noted that his interest is in hiking trails and Kyle’s is in mountain biking trails. Mixed use trails could lead to user conflicts. Lisa noted that many communities have mixed use trails with bikers and hikers. Shared use policies clarify rules and work well in keeping all users safe. Kyle and Walter will work together on developing a plan for construction. Their next stop will be the Conservation Commission’s meeting on August 8.
 - Many present are interested in hosting a 5k run in the fall. Katie, Jasmine, Lisa and Kim Dunkley have expressed interest in helping. Jasmine said that it would be fun for the run to end at the community bread oven. Nat mentioned that we need permission from VTrans if we are going to use state roads (Rt. 15 and 100c).

Lisa suggested that we incorporate 'Couch to 5k' and that it is a 9 week program. Lisa will get more information.

- Tasha spoke of the important role community recreation programs in the prevention of substance abuse. She suggested that we do a community needs assessment and gather data on the barriers people have in participating in rec activities. She also suggested that we have a community recreation fair to promote participation.
 - Jasmine noted that she and her husband Brian setup and maintained the Legion Field ice rink last winter and they would welcome volunteer help with that. Someone suggested that we do a collection of used ice skates for community use.
- Policy Review:
 - Nat reviewed the basic requirements of the Vermont Open meeting law and said that the committee should elect officers in a future meeting.
 - Next Meeting:
 - **We set our next meeting for September 17th at 6pm at the Public Library. Childcare will again be provided.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.