

2-20-2020 Johnson Recreation Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Lisa Crews, Jasmine Yuris, Kyle Senesac, Valerie Valencourt (arrived 6:20)

6:00 – Started meeting –

- Make a list of members to be recommended to Selectboard - Lisa told Jasmine and Kyle that Jasmine, Jenn Yuris, Katie Orost and Allen Audette had put emails into the Selectboard asking to be made official members. Informed Kyle that if he would like to be a voting member he needs to send an email to tojadministrator@townofjohnson.com.
- Internship at NVU - Lisa told committee members that the internship had been approved and we are working with NVU to establish this position for the future.
- Talc Trail Update (5 minutes) – Jasmine asked what exactly defined this property – Kyle and Lisa explained that it is the land to the southeast of the LVRT. Lisa mentioned that the plans that Walter was working on are still available for everyone to check out. Kyle confirmed the meeting date (March 9th) that he has been invited to, to discuss the next steps for this project.
- Basketball Tournament (5 minutes) – review for next year – Lisa gave Kyle and Jasmine a recap of the tournament. Next year we will plan on trying to get more volunteers.
- Skiing – update (5 minutes) - Skiing is going well. Lisa explained the structure of the program. People sign up, pay a fee, and then the town divides the budget money by the number of students enrolled to help offset the costs of skiing. Asked Jasmine and Kyle to recruit volunteers for next year to be chaperones.
- Pizza Oven Event - Feb. 2 / Ice Rink: update (5 minute) the rink is looking great. Brian R has put a great effort into the rink this winter. We talked about forming an ice rink committee for next winter so that we can distribute the work. The last skate and bake had 70 + people attend. There is a second skate and bake this weekend. Free to the public. Jasmine will be working on writing the RiseVT grant. Lisa is going to share her ice rink information that she used on another grant application.
- Baseball / Softball - Lisa said that registration is now open. We have coaches for every team except tiny tot (3-4 year old). Everyone agreed to try to find a volunteer or two to help. We also need an assistant for the Minor (coach pitch) team. Season will start soon.
- Tumble Time - Update – Sophia B. is going to be instructing two tumble time classes. 2-4 year olds and 5-7 year olds. Registration will open on Friday Feb.21. Classes begin March 1. 8 Students per class.

- Summer Sports Clinics – Lisa asked Kyle, Jasmine and Valerie to brainstorm ideas for summer sports clinics
- Grant Rise - Jasmine is going to work on this, Valerie offered information on the AARP grant, and she will follow up with an email.
- Volunteer recognition – Former Rec. Committee members have requested that the Old Mill Park soccer fields be dedicated as the Tim Sullivan soccer fields. Tim has worked for many years to improve and run the soccer fields, he has been a coach for our youth and has dedicated huge amounts of energy to our soccer and youth sports programs. The Rec. Committee supports this recommendation so it will now be recommended to the Selectboard. Since, early August the Rec. Committee has been working on a dedication to thank Heather Rodriguez for all of her hard work for the Johnson Recreation programs. The committee would like to buy a new piece of playground equipment to put at the “pirate ship” area of Old Mill Park. The Rec. Committee will be recommending that the children’s play area be dedicated to Heather Rodriguez as a thank you for everything she has done for Johnson Recreation. This recommendation will be made to the Johnson Selectboard.
- Summer Wellness day – Jenn Yuris has shown some interest in having a summer wellness day at Old Mill Park. Our College Steps intern created a list of ideas for activities that we will share via email with Jenn. Valerie said Jenn should contact WIC in Morrisville because they host a family fun day at the Oxbow and they might be a good resource for planning. We also thought this would be a good event to combine with the dedications if they are approved.
- Memorial Day Fun Run (or other race) – yes we want to plan one. We tabled it until next month
- Rec storage – we have a raccoon problem. Calls have been made to get repairs done. We are waiting for quotes.
- Ideas for the future. Movie night campout at OMP. – Workshops – baking and such
- Kyle S mentioned that he and his wife Melissa recently purchased Deep Root fitness in Hyde Park. They are going to talk and see if they can do some joint offerings to the Johnson Rec. community.