

Recreation meeting notes April 8, 2019

Members Present: Michelle Boyden, Hillary Hoag , Kerri O'Halloran Nat Kinney Laura Whitehill Others: Heather Rodriguez, Brian Story

Added to the agenda: update from Brian on the status of the Recreation Coordinator position. Brian indicated the ads had been placed. They will appear in 7 Days, the News and Citizen, VT Parks and Recreation, Town of Johnson website. Heather will post to Facebook and the Town of Johnson Recreation Website, Brian to send Heather the posting. Discussed the timeline for hiring a coordinator. Brian will do the first round of interviews. The hiring committee (which still needs to be established 2 recreation members (Kerri and Hillary), select board member, skate park representative, town administrator and possibly Jessica Bickford if she is available) will do the second round of interviews. The select board will also interview.

Baseball/Softball is up and running smoothly, the county scheduling meeting is April 11, 2019 Bill Hoag, Kent Stearns, Brian and Michelle Boyden will be there representing Johnson. League dues are 175.00 per team and we have 5 teams. Heather attended the last select board meeting to ask about creating a program for sponsorship. The select board approved. We have received interest in the program from a few area businesses already. Heather feels this program will grow in the years to come, this year there is a very short turnaround time for sponsors to commit due to having to get t-shirts printed. It was suggested to have a pro-rated fee structure this year to accommodate for the short lead-time. The committee thought that was a good idea. It was suggested that all hats become part of the uniform, to cut down cost. The committee agreed that was a good idea, they will be washed like all the other parts of the uniform and re-used. If parents want to purchase a baseball/softball cap they can do so through Johnson Recreation.

Items that need to be complete for the program are:

Order uniform and t-shirts-Heather

Set field cleanup day

Set uniform distribution/collection night

Post schedules to the calendar and the website when available

Heather applied for two grants for the redo of the softball field in Old Mill Park. VT Rise grant was awarded in the amount of 1500.00 and still waiting on the Green Mountain Fund decision. These two grants are specific to the creating a softball field, and replacing little league benches. It was agreed that Heather would get the dirt, and clay mixture delivered.

The recreation committee approved the cost of a yearly Amazon Prime membership. It will cut down of using personal accounts and getting reimbursed later. Heather will look at setting it up and talk to Rosemary.

Committee is not able to review current financial status, Heather forgot to ask Rosemary for the reports last week, when she remembered it was a few hours before the meeting-it was suggested that these reports be made available at each meeting, Heather will follow up with Rosemary and ask what timeframe she need to have them available.

Heather wanted to know if the committee was going to post fall soccer registration or if we were going to wait for the coordinator to start and do it then. The committee had concerns over waiting;

registration over the summer while folk are away and school is out is difficult. Registration will happen this spring May 15th to May 29 cost will be the same as last year. Heather will prepare the information and send to Sports Engine to have the registration built. Kerri will start to reach out to coaches to see about interest. Heather mentioned to everyone the large size of the upcoming 5th and 6th grade classes and the teams maybe very large. The best case we would have two teams for the 5/6 boys if needed and Johnson Recreation will create the teams. A few known items needed for soccer are field markers, string, string roller, spikes, paint, possibly a few new balls.

Reviewed the list of ongoing projects:

Ceiling in Rec storage-Brian is reaching out to a new vendor

Extra money and nonresident fees-This has been discussed I the past, not sure exactly where it stands. Recreation committee would like to see nonresident fees used for Johnson Recreation scholarships. Heather also wanted to know what happens to the additional money raised during tournaments and fund raisers above the town allocation. The committee would like the money to be placed in the reserve fund. The committee has concerns if they are not able to roll the money it's not much of an incentive to hold fundraising events.

Policy review and updates-Coordinator

Coaches Handbook-Coordinator

Standard check list form for programs-Coordinator

Finishing up Spring Projects-Rocks, Heather will follow up with Brian, last fall he stated they would be placed in the early spring. ,

Field usage for spring soccer, moving the 5/6 field out of the softball field, No one know who is responsible for this, The select board approve the usage of the fields, however no one has made contact with them to find out what days or time they plan to be there. Johnson Recreation will take first priority. The committee agreed it was the responsibility of the coordinator or town to take care of communicating with Cambridge Youth Soccer. Heather will follow up with Brian.

Relocation of Soccer field, the current 5/6 field needs to be moved to the far end of the field by the swing sets. The goals are in the running lanes of the t-ball field. Johnson Recreation will have two soccer fields on the far end by the swings that the 3/4-5/6 teams will play on, one 3/4 field next to the parking lot (again by the swings) and the Prek-K 1/2 field will be in the outfield of the baseball/softball field. This age group will use the quick goals and pop-up goals.

It was also discussed to create a tournament field using the outfield, measurements will need to be taken and markers will need to be placed.

Complete lining the fields with boulders-Heather will contact Rudy and Josh to see when they might be able to deliver the last load,

3 Access Gates at Mill Park-Heather has reached out to Round Hill Fence for quotes, will contact two other suppliers too.

The Recreation Committee Meeting has been moved the second Monday of each month.

