

Draft Minutes for Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 5 p.m

Present were: Jon Girard, Howard Romero, Rick Aupperlee, Casey Romero, Greg Fatigate, George Swanson, Rec Coordinator Lisa Crews, and guest Claire Owens (Fern Valley Design). Notes taken by C. Romero; all motions approved unanimously unless otherwise noted. Tech zoom limitations meant all votes were made by consensus.

Before meeting was called to order, Howard nominated Casey as Chair in 2021, seconded by Greg. Casey said her intention of resigning as Chair this year was delayed by COVID. Approved by consensus.

1. Call To Order Meeting began at 5:05 p.m.
2. Draft Minutes of January 7, 2021 Meeting Approved by consensus.
3. Town Meeting Results: Budget, Other The 2021 Town Budget was approved, with no changes to our budget.
4. Update: Sign Project The contract half-payment for Claire's graphic design work was lost in the mail in November. A new check is forthcoming, and she'll start work right away. James will have time at end of month to start work on the frame; we still have not determined how to attach the Plexiglas top.
5. Spring Preparation: Coaching, Camps, Tent, Program Grants, Repairs, Site Issues Ian Hutchins will coach Sk8 The Arts Camp; it will be limited to 10 campers, held August 9-13 from 9-3. Rick noted that the end date of LYFS summer program is officially tentative, but thinks it will work out. He will work out storm-space at LYFS with the new School Director. RiverArts can't manage Bike The Arts camp this summer, but Lisa hopes to figure out some bike coaching opportunities. Casey & Lisa plan to apply for a small Green MT fund grant for summer programs. Casey will work on buying a new tent; Jon & Howard will get rid of stored old tent fabric but we'll keep the poles.
Jon suggested a dog waste station; Lisa can order one. James suggested some small signs for jump-line tarps, and predicts that riders of that jump line will manage them properly. COVID has cut out most volunteer work (some dirt work will be needed on bike tracks). James hopes a few key local riders will keep an eye on tarps and general conditions. Casey will contact Ashton Schriber; and said there are a few more metal frames for small signs if needed near the jump line. Jon said there's a fairly deep hole in bike area that should be filled; James will look when snow is gone.
6. Recreation Coordinator's Report Lisa got a mini-grant for some spring Rec events from Healthy Lamoille Valley, and will ask if another round will be offered later this year. She is trying to connect with Little Bellas re: bike programs for girls, and learned that Dirt Divas (also for girls) is defunct. The town has started initial discussion of a new background check requirement for "regular volunteers" such as committee members, coaches and those who work regularly at (for example) the food shelf. Probably "occasional" volunteers would need to sign some sort of waiver. It would be a simple state check, with no cost to volunteers. Claire asked if volunteer info might go on the sign, but it's too soon to tell: we can consider this when we look at a rough draft of sign elements.
7. Laraway Report George said the new School Director has a public school background. He is looking at summer outdoor planning, but COVID makes planning tentative as restrictions change. The new orchard (Vail Resort grant) planning is getting good advice from Elmore Mt. Roots re: apple varieties; they will produce apple cider vinegar along with other crop uses. The new greenhouse is finished.
8. Other Business April meeting will be on 2nd Thursday, per Rick's request: 4/8 at 5 p.m.. Casey asked to hold May meeting on the 2nd Thursday as well. Lisa will make arrangements for Town zoom.
9. Adjourn James moved to adjourn at 5:33 p.m. Seconded by George and approved.