

Minutes

Hardwick Recreation Committee Meeting

March 20, 2018; 6:30PM, Hardwick Senior Center

Present: Joe Brosseau, Nicole Miller, Derek Williams, Holly Bolio, Rhonda Hess, Ron Wiesen, Kathy Hemmens

Guest: Karen Klotz, Green-Up Day Coordinator

Staff: Susanne Gann, Rec. Committee Coordinator

Joe Brosseau called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Approval of Minutes: Following a motion by Derek William and a second by Rhonda Hess, the minutes of the February meeting were approved unanimously.

Monthly Financial Report: Kathy Hemmens reported that expenditures through February were in line with the budget and that so far the Committee had expended less than 50% of its budget, with only four months remaining in the fiscal year. Following a motion by Nicole Miller and and second by Derek Williams, the Finance Report was unanimously approved.

Project Updates: Karen Klotz reported on progress preparing for Green-Up Day which will take place on the 1st Saturday in May from 9 to 3. This year, she is planning to award a raffle ticket for each bag of trash collected, with prizes to be purchased or gifted by area merchants and restaurants. Ron Wiesen will make the raffle tickets and various Rec. Committee members will solicit merchants for gift certificates. Karen also asked for Committee members to volunteer to help out at the Hardwick Firehouse during the hours of 9 to 3. Rhonda and Holly volunteered to cover the 9 to 11 shift. Susanne will advertise the event on Facebook and FPF. Karen will report again at the April Rec. Committee meeting. Like last year, no tires will be collected.

Coordinator's Progress Report: Susanne reported that the Community Dance on March 16th was successful, with approximately 150 children and adults attending. Movie Night on 2/16 was less successful, due in part to conflict with the basketball tournament and also the choice of movie. Susanne will try another movie night in April, but with a shorter and more family-friendly movie. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday the 31st of March from 9:30 to 10AM. It's being advertised on Facebook, FPF, and the Gazette and in the Bobcat Gazette. Egg stuffing will occur this Saturday the 24th starting at 9:30. Volunteers are needed. Someone is also needed to volunteer to be the Easter Bunny; Derek is going to consider it.

REACH Programs Report: Nicole reported that the ski program has been extended to April and that it has been popular with students. Now that the 2018 budget has passed, she will finalize the NEK Swim arrangement for the summer and also settle on dates. She is still concerned about how to handle the program's deposit requirement and will let the Committee know about the results of her discussions.

Other Business: Holly reported that the Kiwanis wants to know if Rec. wants to organize recreational activities for the Memorial Day festivities at Atkins Field and also if we want to take over the Duck Race, which has not been held for several years. There will be a meeting on April 2nd at the OSSU building to discuss the Memorial Day plans. Susanne will attend to gather more information and report back at the next Rec. Committee meeting. Susanne will also meet with Jane Johns, who used to organize the Duck Race. Holly will meet with Nancy Notterman, who organized games at last year's Memorial Day event.

Mackville Project: Susanne reported that Danny Hale advises we should focus on upgrading and adding playground equipment. Susanne will contact Danny to find out about the state site visit that is coming up, so Committee members can attend. Joe has ideas for "natural playground equipment" that he will present at the next meeting. Susanne will start working on the grant. Holly reminded the Committee that we need to demonstrate community support and we could use the Duck Race to raise money for that purpose.

Other Business: The Committee then elected officers for the coming year. Following a motion by Kathy, seconded by Nicole, the Committee voted unanimously for Joe Brosseau for President. Following a motion by Joe and a second by Nicole, Derek Williams was elected Vice-President. Following a motion by Nicole, seconded by Joe Brosseau, Kathy Hemmens was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Ron Wiesen encouraged the Committee to reach out to other Hardwick area organizations and people to assist us in creating more recreational opportunities .

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hemmens, Secretary

The next meeting will be held at the Senior Center on April 10th at 6:30PM. Community members are welcome to attend.