

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 9th, 2021, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Members present: Jason Bahner, Mallory Greaves, Rhonda Hess, Holly Bolio, Ceilidh Galloway Kane, Emily Vavir

Recreation Coordinator: Jason Bahner

Holly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

The committee would like to introduce and welcome the newest Recreation Coordinator Jason Bahner, along with our newest member Emily Vavir.

Approval of Budget

Holly reported the changes to the budget included toddler swings and advertisement for Recreation Coordinator. Holly motioned to approve the budget, Ceilidh seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Rhonda motioned to approve the February minutes, Holly second the motion, all were in favor.

New Meeting Time

Holly suggested moving Recreation meetings to 6pm on Tuesdays. All members were in favor of this change. Holly motioned to have the meetings moved from 6:30 pm to 6 pm the second Tuesday of every month moving forward, Mallory seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Introduction to the Recreation Committee

The committee created a list prior to the meeting that included goals, events, projects, programs that are funded, Coordinator roles, and committee member roles to present to Jason and Emily. The current committee discussed each section of the write up and began thinking further into the future. Holly mentioned that Casey Rowell suggested the committee begin sending in the agenda with the minutes for the town folk to read. The committee will be adding a community discussion section to the agenda for anyone who would like to discuss recreation questions and ideas.

Green Up Day

Holly mentioned that the committee had received an email from Kate, the district manager, regarding the quantity of bags and posters the town had left over from last year. Holly responded with the amount of green up bags left over along with posters. Jason will be taking over the recreation email, he will reach out to Kate to check where the event is in the planning phase. Holly mentioned that the committee is in charge of dumpsters, flyers, and volunteering at the fire station.

Easter

The committee discussed an Easter egg hunt event. Jason mentioned he had communicated with Shaun Fielder, Town Manager, about having a well-planned, covid friendly egg hunt. Shaun agreed that if the committee could follow guidelines it could be done. Jason suggested putting together four sections for different age groups at Hazen Union. He connected with Hazen and got the go ahead to use the High school. The groups would include, kindergarten and younger, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, and 5th-6th. The youngest group will have a hunt by the front doors of Hazen on the quad. 1st-2nd will be down on the soccer field, 3rd-4th will be on the baseball field, and 5th-6th will be on the Hazen trails where the pumpkin walk typically takes place. The committee agreed that each section will have 1,000 eggs or more, and they will all begin at 10am April 3rd, 2021.

Jason is going to talk to the students at Hazen along with posting an ad for Volunteers to help supervise the hunt on Front Porch Forum. There will need to be at least ten volunteers in order to keep the Covid guidelines in check. Each group will sign in and follow the signs to the station where they will be collecting eggs. Parents will need to have their children sanitize their hands prior to getting in line for the hunt, there will be sanitizer on site but congregation needs to be avoided. Masks will be required along with social distancing. Based on school policy the children will be separated by 3ft while the adults will need to remain at 6ft distancing. Jason reported that students at Hazen had volunteered to help fill eggs and had begun that week, which was possible from a kind donation. He asked Holly to contact Vanessa Fournier from the Gazette to come take pictures of the students.

Jason mentioned the committee still needs to collect more candy for stuffing eggs and get fluorescent duct tape for marking off sections. The committee discussed how many eggs are available, Rhonda mentioned she had a load at her house, there are eggs in storage at the memorial building.

The committee discussed adding golden eggs, there would be a paper inside certain eggs that would direct the parents how to contact the committee to receive their children's prizes. Prizes are planned to be gift cards from small businesses around Hardwick. The committee members will schedule a time with Jason to collect eggs and candy in order to stuff them. Emily volunteered to create a flyer to advertise the Egg Hunt, which will be posted on Facebook and Front Porch Forum. Holly motioned to approve a budget of \$300 for the Easter Egg Hunt, Rhonda seconded the motion, all were in favor.

With no further business, Holly adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Mallory Greaves, Secretary

The next meeting of the Committee will be held April 13th, 2021 at 6:00 PM over Zoom