

Hardwick Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023, 6:03 PM

Members present: Jason Bahner, Mallory Greaves, Sara Behrsing, Emily Varvir, Emily Hale and Samantha Collins

Recreation Coordinator: Jason Bahner

Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Secretary: Sara Behrsing

Approval of Budget: Mallory motioned the budget be accepted. Emily Hale seconded it. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes: Mallory motioned the minutes to be accepted. Sam Hale seconded it. Motion approved.

Food Shelf:

Jason reported that the Food shelf was very busy and the best way to get the donated check for \$300.00 from Emily Varvir's cousin was to send it via mail. Jason said he would take care of this.

Trunk or Treat:

Jason reported the event was successful. Mallory wished we had had more time to plan it. There was discussion of asking Josh to either meet with us as a committee or asking Josh if he would like to relinquish responsibility for the event. The Rec. Committee decided to table this and discuss it at another meeting.

Ice Rink:

Emily Hale reported Danny Hale was meeting with David Upson(Town manager) and Tom Fadden(Town Road Manager) Wednesday, November 15 to look over last year's materials stored at the Town garage. He would come back to the Recreation Committee with a plan.

Jason stated the plastic liner could not be saved and would need to be repurchased.

Soccer Clinic:

Jason reported this was a huge success! The clinic for 3 to 5 year olds was held the Sunday before Halloween. The clinic was full. Attendees learned soccer skills and were given treat bags upon the conclusion of the clinic. Megan has yet to submit a bill for reimbursement. Jason recommended a stipend to be paid to her in the amount of \$200.00 as well as the reimbursement amount.

December Lights Contest:

Discussion ensued on how to make the event more time manageable. Sam suggested that Mallory post the event on facebook. The contestants would then post their photos of their decorations in the comments and readers can like the pictures they want to vote for.

Mallory suggested the event start December 1 and entries run through the 11. Mallory will post the voting results on the site on December 15.

Prize Gift cards will be purchased in the amount of \$50.00 from the Buffalo Mountain Market, the Galaxy Bookstore and The Cork and Fork.

Helen Beattie:

Helen gave us an update on the Trails committee work. She reported that they unintentionally went over budget on the pumpkin walk.

The Trail committee is asking for \$500.00 to support the already existing ski program.

Jason reported that we had been granted an additional \$2000.00 from the Town this year for programming.

Sam stated she thought this was a great place for this funding to go.

Helen then stated the committee wanted to reinstate some of the programming they have done in the past and would appreciate any money to help with this.

Sam asked if Helen could come back in the spring to discuss more programming and funding. Helen agreed.

Sam made a motion for the Recreation committee to submit a check for \$1000.00 to the Trails Committee for their ski program. Mallory seconded it. It was approved by all.

Emily Varvir mentioned it would be good to reconnect with the Adaptive Sports group and biking on the trails. Helen agreed.

Meeting Time:

Sam had asked if the Rec. Committee could change the meeting day to the second Thursday of each month at 6 PM. Mallory checked with David Upson and it was accepted.

Mallory made a motion to change the meeting day to the second Thursday of each month at 6 PM.

Emily Hale seconded it.

Other business:

Jason reported he had information about a VOREC ([Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative](#)) Grant . Jason will send along the information.

Sara suggested we enhance our Spring Egg Hunt. Possibilities could be: serving breakfast in collaboration with the Civic Standard, sack races, spring hat decoration parade and contest. Members want to discuss this more at next meetings.

Emily suggested a Town Costume parade for the Trunk or Treat that would lead to the event. Everyone agreed to discuss this more.

Emily distributed the committee's T-shirts and asked members to try theirs on and contact her if they don't fit.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.