Town of Sanbornton ~ Recreation Commission~ Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Town Offices

Commission Members: Jax Riendeau, Kerri Federico, Bob Lambert (selectman Representative), Kaela Hobby-Reichstein, Colleen Longo, Amanda Pelissier (Recreation Coordinator)

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm.

Present at the meeting: Jax Riendeau, Kaela Hobby-Reichstein, Colleen Longo, Amanda Pelissier (Recreation Coordinator), Dolly Elliott

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes from November 14, 2023, meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by Hobby-Reichstein and seconded by Riendeau to accept the meeting minutes with corrections.

Vote: Riendeau, Hobby-Reichstein Affirmative. Abstain: Longo. Motion passes.

Financials:

Financials for November were reviewed, and a motion was made by Longo and seconded by Riendeau to accept November financials.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

Financials for December were reviewed, and a motion was made by Riendeau and seconded by Hobby-Reichstein to accept the December financials.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

Coordinators Update

Before & After School Program:

Program director Elliott said some children have moved from town, but she has quickly filled those spots with others that were on the waiting list. Victoria Chaffee has come to work for the Before/After School Program. She worked during the previous summer.

February Vacation Camp:

Pelissier would like to offer a vacation camp during the week of February school vacation. She wants to run the program from 8:00am-3:30pm in the Sanbornton Central School gym and charge \$120 for the week. Themed days, popcorn and a movie, games, crafts, sledding, etc. The Recreation Commission loved the idea but requested there be a minimum of 20 children signed up to run the camp. Pelissier will create a flyer and sign-up sheet for the parents.

Summer Day Camp:

Pelissier and Elliott have met and discussed the planning for Summer Day Camp. Themes this summer will be based on holidays and there are some great field trips planned. Pelissier is looking into group rates for the following: Smitty's Cinema, Water Country, Sky Zone, Clark's Trading Post, Santa's Village, Polar Caves, and Seacoast Science Center.

Adult Potluck:

The Recreation Dept has collaborated with the Sanbornton Public Library this month and they plan to for the month of February as well. We are changing the title from Potluck to Luncheon. The welfare director was kind enough to provide some tasty choices for the months of December and January. There were about thirty-one people who attended in January. A speaker came and gave a wonderful presentation on the upcoming solar eclipse. The Recreation Commission discussed taking the cost of previous years' adult trips and putting them into providing food for the luncheon each

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month. The recreation commission agreed that full meals do not need to be served each month, but a simple crockpot meal, finger food, and dessert are sufficient.

Gunstock Outreach Program:

Outreach program starts next month, and the dates run; 2/9, 2/16, 3/8 and 3/15. The lessons are 50 minutes long and start at 5:30pm.

Basketball:

This year had been filled with lots of rescheduling and juggling around. Pelissier has been working hard to lock in officials and gym usage times. The coaches have been amazing this season and parents have been pleased. The jamboree that Sanbornton Recreation & the Pines Community Center host at Winnisquam Middle School for the 3/4th grade teams has been finalized. Tournament season is approaching, and the coaches have chosen players for those tournaments. Laconia, Gilford, and Plymouth are a few of the tournaments the teams will attend.

Kids Workshop:

The kids' workshop was a big hit with about twenty-four children and seven middle school helpers in attendance. Everything that was donated was sold! Pelissier stated that the prices might have been too low and that most children who participated came in with \$20 and ended up leaving with \$16-\$17 and bags full of items. The Recreation Department is accepting donations for any knickknacks and items for the program.

Christmas Gathering:

This year's annual Christmas social followed a children's caroling event at the church next door to the Old Town Hall, which generated some new faces. There was music, crafts, cookie decoration and light refreshments. Santa came on the fire truck to light the tree in the gazebo at 4pm and then followed up with photos and small gifts to the children. The Santa mailbox was also out this year with Pelissier receiving 27 Santa letters.

Easter Egg Hunts:

Easter is early this year; Sunday, March 31st. Pelissier will schedule the egg hunts for Saturday, March 23rd and the flashlight egg hunt will be that night. The place for the hunts was discussed and Pelissier was concerned about the road leading up to the Town Park. Having the hunts in the field by the town offices means there is paved parking. Eggs will be stuffed with leftover Halloween candy and some new items for purchase.

Town Park Committee:

The Town Park Committee met with the town administrator, Pelissier and the town lawyer to discuss how best to delineate the Town Park from the transfer station.

Revolving Funds:

Basketball: officials, tournaments, jamboree, medals, end of the season celebration: \$2000

Motion made by Reindeau seconded by Hobby-Reichstein.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

Before/After Care Program: crafts, snacks, anything else the program needs: \$500

Motion made by Hobby-Reichstein seconded by Longo.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

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Summer Day Camp: Field trip bookings, supplies \$5000 Motion made by Hobby-Reichstein seconded by Reindeau.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

Easter Egg Hunts: candy, gummies, and little toys for the younger group \$500

Motion made by Reindeau seconded by Hobby-Reichstein.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

Adult Luncheon: compensate money spent from last luncheon and February's upcoming luncheon, bottled water, plastic utensils, condiments, and coffee \$500

Motion made by Longo seconded by Hobby-Reichstein.

Vote: All Affirmative. Motion passes.

Other Business

Ice skating at the Tilton School has started. Splitting the admission costs with the Pines, our half was; 1st week \$58, 2nd week \$99, 3rd week \$99.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th 7:00pm at the new Town offices.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amanda Pelissier

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These minutes are in draft form and are subject to review/change and approval of the Recreation Commission