

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 4th at the Tamworth Town House

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm

Present Casslyn Cook, Deb Maille, and Jim Hidden.

August 7th meeting minutes were presented to be approved, Jim made the motion to approved but abstained from voting because he was not at the meeting, Deb seconded.

August 7th minutes approved 2 yes and 1 abstained.

August 21st meeting minutes were presented to be approved, minor spelling error was pointed out to be corrected. Casslyn made a motion to approve the minutes with spelling corrections, Jim seconded.

August 21st minutes approved 3 yes.

Survey distribution was discussed, Casslyn dropped some off at the K.A. Brett, and Deb got permission from the Cook Memorial Library and the Town Office. It was discussed who runs the Chocorua Library and that we should ask them if we could leave a box there as well.

Jim also suggested that we should also try to have a table at voting next Tuesday, and we should contact Kris Canfield for permission. Casslyn also said that we should try to get some out to the churches as well.

Deb mentioned she had changed the header of the survey to clarify that it was coming from the Rec Advisory Committee not the Rec Department.

The Report and our recommendations were discussed, if we should have our recommendations grouped with the statistical data or after toward the end, and what is our broader recommendations .

Casslyn said that one of our recommendations for the 4th of July Family day would be to have more of a online presence which could be broadened to all Rec Department Programs and Events.

Deb said to have Better Signage as well and how well publicized it was during the Tamworth 250th.

Jim agreed that the 250th Family day was a bigger event and that one of the reasons was because a few 250th committee members became a un-appointed 4th of July advisory committee in order to help the Rec Director pull off such a large event. And that if we want to have a Family day like that again we shouldn't expect that from one person, but it would be easier with a group of people that could bring in new ideas as well.

Casslyn and Deb spoke of some benefits of more people helping with Family day, especially if family day came back down to the village, helping with parking, and having people overseeing the parade, the vendors at the school, and that if anyone had a question they could find the person in charge of that

part instead of trying to find the one person in charge of everything. Jim agreed that lightening the burden of family day would help.

Easter was discussed and having a few assistants helping can only help.

The Trips and the adult programs Recommendations were discussed.

Casslyn stated that she would like to see more advertising of the adult programs from the Rec Department; adult sports programs, the aerobics classes, and living strong.

Jim stated the biggest issue for him and many of the complaints he's heard about the Rec Department was the lack of communication and lack of information about the programs and activities, and he's biggest recommendation would be to post some sort of weekly calendar on the Facebook page, it's user friendly and widely used and easily accessible. And if that became the norm people would get in the habit of checking there.

Casslyn agreed that Facebook has a broad reach and that it might help the adult programs reach a broader audience,

Jim said he would like a more consistency with putting out information to keep the Rec Department in people's minds. Casslyn agreed and also mentioned the Tamworth Exchange is used by the Townspeople, Ann McGarity had found that somethings are put up about the Rec Department by some local residents and that it would be beneficial if it came instead directly from the Rec Director.

Deb agreed with having more of a presence online, but questioned how to make the Rec Director more tech savvy from a recommendation standpoint.

Casslyn agreed to pull together the states for the report, and it was discussed regarding are overall recommendations, and what we as a committee were charged with by the Selectmen, and if we should have recommendations regarding Rec Department Policies

The Next Meeting was scheduled for September 18th at 6 at the Town House

Casslyn made a motion to adjourn, Deb seconded all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08