

Barkhamsted Recreation Commission Meeting

Monday February 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Commission members Deborah Simon, Donna Carney-Bastrzycki, Peter Bakker Jr., and Pam Welles in attendance.

Melissa Roy and Nora Bishop were absent.

Barkhamsted resident John Sweeton observed the meeting. He is considering joining the commission.

There was no public input. The review of meeting minutes from 1/6/20 was tabled due to lack of members from that meeting.

Correspondence:

- Ski Sundown: Correspondence received regarding some changes to lesson levels and chaperones schedules.
- Budget: Donna emailed Don Stein with finalized budget.
- Spring Karate: Donna contacted Charlotte Silkey about running spring karate. She said she could do it.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Donna contacted Peter Greenwoods and Joan Auclair about Easter Egg Hunt date which is April 4 and made sure it was good with them.
- Earth Day: Donna confirmed with Ginny Apple about events and plans.
- Barkhamsted Elementary School: Donna spoke with Robin Rood regarding dates for spring karate and pickle ball and about ski club.
- Summer Camp: Donna contacted Ella and Wendy and set up a meeting in March. She also sent an email with an application link to all past staff and let them know the deadline.
- Donna sent info about commission and meeting dates to John Sweeton.

Old Business:

- Ski Club: Everything is going well. Parents have been helping. There are 19 registered for the program. This Wednesday is possibly the last day depending on the weather. Donna purchased snacks for the last day of the program and prepared treat bags to be ready for the last day.
- Pickleball: The winter pickleball session has been going well. The last scheduled day is Wednesday, February 5 but there is an extra week reserved in case of snow. If it's not used, an extra day will be added to the program, February 12, for a meet up night and the relining of the court. It has been suggested that we purchase a different colored tape for better visibility between the 2 courts.

- Budget: The budget approved by the commission has been submitted to Don Stein. No word on whether it has been approved. Donna will follow up.

New business:

- Spring Pickleball: Advertising the program has begun and flyers have been created. The program will be extended to 10 weeks with a free demo night on Wednesday, March 11 and then the program will begin on Wednesday, March 18, ending on June 3. There will be no session on April 15th due to spring break.
- Spring Karate: We will be able to offer a children's and adult karate program that will start in April and run through June at the elementary school.
- Upcoming programs: The flyer is ready to go out to school this week. It will include our upcoming spring programs as well as the save the date for summer camp.
 - The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4 at 3 PM which is later than previous years. The BES PTO Penny Auction is earlier in the day as well as the fisherman's flea market. We donated a week of camp to the PTO for the Penny Auction.
 - Earth Day: Sunday, April 26 from 12:30 to 5pm
 - Summer Camp dates: July 20-24.

Other new business:

- On January 12 there was FALPS winter hike that was led by Matt Jobin and had great attendance. Donna suggested it would be great to see if Matt could either be part of camp or considered for a future program. Donna helped advertise the hike and took photos and cross posted them for promotion. Squires Tavern was open after the hike for hot chocolate and snacks.
- February 2 there was a Super Bowl Sunday hike with FALPS led by FALPS board president Ralph Scarpino and FALPS board member Erik Landgraf. It went well and was well attended. Donna took photos for this also in order to cross promote.
- FRCC summer stewards hiring: FRCC is hiring for summer 2020. Donna is assisting in getting the word out about the upcoming stewards program. The stewards are part of camp and there are co-events throughout the year. Interviews will be in April.
- Donna worked on the website for the town page removing some old photos and adding new ones to the gallery and slideshow. She also updated the page with spring programs and summer camp save the date.
- Donna attended the emergency preparedness meeting on January 22. The meeting covered emergency protocols and needs. Don Stein asked if there was

any interest in CERT training (community emergency response training). Donna suggested that it would be a good idea for the rec department to be able to help during an emergency if there was an emergency shelter situation. The rec department could help with kids, elderly and the pets to provide activities during an extended shelter situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes submitted by Pam Welles