

Shelburne Recreation Committee
***Draft* Minutes**
Tuesday, Jan. 14 7:00 PM

Members Present: Peggy Coutu, Kelli Magnier, Susan McLellan, Ann Clark, Kathie Pudvar

Student Members present: Mia Brumsted, Jackson Townsend, Garrett Gruending

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Public Present: Alex Haase, Kiki White, Chris O'Brien

Called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes from Nov. 4 meeting were approved as circulated.

Public Comments: Introductions were made by the Recreation Committee Members and the public present. Chris handed out a copy of the email he sent to Betsy in support of Kiki coaching the girls 7th/8th grade lacrosse team. He and Alex discussed Kiki's love of lacrosse and coaching and his influence on the program and players over the years. Betsy informed the board of his experience coaching, reffing and that he is a certified coach, which there are few of for the youth levels. Kiki discussed how he works with other coaches and named several. He runs Sunday pick-up games. Kelli commented that he would have her support, but the Rec. Committee role isn't to assign coaches. Betsy explained that she will work with the Lacrosse Committee to get organized for the upcoming season, and that the process is just starting. Typically we ask the previous year coaches first if they would like to return. Kiki explained that he did not coach last year because he wanted to give that opportunity to other coaches who had 8th grade players, and was hoping he'd get the chance to coach his daughter this year for her last year in the program.

Directors Report: See written report below. No Comments or discussion.

Special Events:

- *Winter Carnival:* Betsy explained to the Committee the new format, space and set up, as well as what had been booked and arranged for activities and entertainment. The Committee discussed who would be able to attend and how they would like to help. Decided not to do popcorn balls this year but will give away popcorn and water. Will be greeters and help out around event (bounce house, preschool corner). Committed to attend: Kathie, Ann, Susan, Peggy, Mia, Bruce, Renee, Betsy. Maybe: Jackson T., Garrett. Kathie and Jackson will help Betsy load truck and set up at 8:15 AM. Betsy will check with food vendors about drinks to see if we want to offer hot chocolate or coffee. Still looking for Face painters/ henna art. Discussed whether we should allow army recruiter at the event with give aways. Most felt it wasn't an appropriate event give then average age of the kids that attend. Betsy will call him to discuss.

- *Me and My Guy Dance:* Friday, Feb. 7th, 6:30-8:30. Volunteers confirmed: Kelli, Kathie, Peggy, Susan, Ann, Renee, LynnAnn

- *Summer Concerts:* Dates will be July 8, 15, 22, 29 and Teddy Bear Concert on Aug. 4. Bands confirmed include Dave Keller, Buckshot, In the Pocket and The Hitmen (at Teddy Bear).

Spring/ Summer Programming: Betsy is currently working on the schedule of programs from March through April. If you have any suggestions or requests, please contact her ASAP. No further discussion due to time constraints.

Budget Update: Current fiscal year budget is on schedule. We are up in revenue for Special Events, but will need that to cover expenses coming up for Winter Carnival, Me and My Guy Dance and Back to the Beach.

Other Business: Discussion was held on a bench donation request for Shelburne Beach. While benches are always used and appreciated, we are concerned about too many stationary structures that may impact recreational use or choice of uses at the beach. Suggestions were made to donate to Beach House for a plaque instead, put the bench near the playground where there aren't any for adults to watch kids, or consider other locations. Betsy will call and discuss with the interested party. Brief discussion held about lacrosse coach feedback, the Recreation Committee's role and the process for passing on the feedback. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Director's Report

Program Update:

Youth Basketball- 95
Winter Tai Chi – 20
Gentle Yoga (Jan. session) – 7
Boot Camp Session 3 – 12
Karate Session 2 – 9

Office Update: January is a busy prep month for Spring and Summer. We are setting up programs and contracting with instructors, recruiting sponsors, booking bands and entertainment, ordering equipment and supplies, updating our database and software info spring registration, working on the printed brochure, and more.

We are also organizing for two upcoming events: Winter Carnival and Me and My Guy Dance. In addition, the upcoming After School Ski Program kicks off in Feb., so we have been recruiting chaperones and processing over 50 enrolled participants in the program. Basketball is currently going on as well, and scheduling referees, practice changes, and assisting with various requests are weekly activities.