

Shelburne Recreation Committee Agenda
Monday, Nov. 8, 2021 5:30 PM
Shelburne Activity Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peggy Coutu, Kathie Pudvar, Susan McLellan, Bruce Whitbeck, Kelli Magnier

STAFF: Betsy Cieplicki,

PUBLIC: None

Meeting called to order by Chair, Peggy Coutu at 5:32 pm.

Minutes were approved as circulated for Meeting on Sept. 28, 2021.

Director's Report

Office Update: Sue is on vacation this week Nov. 8 – 12. Betsy is on vacation next week Nov. 15-18. The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday Nov. 24-26.

Program Update: We've finally received permission to schedule and use the school gym for basketball. Both the youth and men's basketball programs have been announced for registration and will start up after Thanksgiving. We've had a lot of interest in the always popular men's program, and have decided to give priority to Shelburne Residents first for registration.

Bolton Valley After School Ski Program filled 100 spots on the bus (50 each session) with a wait list! This program continues to be a favorite with the middle school age group and we are happy to offer bus transportation again this year.

Halloween Event Summary: The Halloween event went very smoothly with the new "Covid-friendly" format to reduce crowds and lines. We received positive feedback from quite a few people who appreciated the effort and liked the way it worked. Over 91 kids participated in the games in the gym, and were joined by their parents. While this is probably a third of our normal turnout, we were pleased that so many joined us despite the pouring rain all day. We also hosted the Costume Contest before the parade and enjoyed seeing around 30 participants come through with their adorable, impressive and sometimes scary costumes!

Special Event Planning

Tree Lighting: Betsy discussed her plan for spreading out people and keeping lines moving to avoid a large crowd gathered inside in one area. Review of flow chart including discussion about where volunteers were needed and potential problem concerns. Extensive conversation about what to offer for food and beverage raised concerns over how to keep the line

moving, minimize the mess in other parts of the building if kids are taking it "to go", and how to safely distribute food during with pandemic concerns. It was decided to offer bottled water only for the event and pre-packaged cookies or crackers if we can find something appropriate. If not, we will get cider donuts and hand out in baggies. The following committee members were able to commit to work the event: Kathie, Peggy, Susan, Bruce, Kelli.

Holiday Lights: Agreed to Betsy's recommendation to cap at 25 participants and not business category. However, we will spread the word to let people know what businesses have a light display. Discussed timing and dates of the event.

Winter Carnival: This event will be held on Sat., Jan. 15th from 10am – 1pm at the Shelburne Fieldhouse. Save the date! We are starting planning now and trying to figure out how to keep it safe. Invites to organizations to participate will be going out shortly. Discussed not offering popcorn because of the other food options there, as well as the huge mess it made on the turf.

Summer Concerts: Tre from Shelburne Farms initiated a meeting with Peggy and Betsy to discuss upcoming Special Events. She inquired about Winter Carnival as well as summer concerts. The Committee needs to decide if we plan to go back to Shelburne Farms for summer concerts or try to continue at the Fieldhouse. Members pointed out positives and negatives of both options and discussed a decision. A vote of 3-2 of members present indicated a majority wanting to go back to Shelburne Farms. However, with 3 people missing from the meeting, a final decision was left up in the air. Betsy will have to make a decision soon for planning purposes.

Other Business:

Discussion about the number of volunteers needed at events led to discussion about filling the open spot on the Committee. We need more hands to help at events, and would love to get a member with younger children on the board since so many of our programs and events are for this market group. We also have interest from a potential student representative, and Peggy will follow up with her about joining.

There was brief discussion about the status of the Beach House Fundraising, and another FPF push is needed to try to meet the \$5,000 match before the end of the year. Peggy offered to do that.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.