

Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes
Monday, Sept. 19, 2022 5:30 PM
DRAFT

MEMEBERS PRESENT: Peggy Coutu, Hayley Cimler, Ann Clark, Renee Davitt, Kathie Pudvar, Bruce Whitbeck

STAFF: Betsy Cieplicki

PUBLIC: None

Meeting called to order by Chair, Peggy Coutu at 5:36 PM

Minutes from May 23, '22 Meeting: Motion was made by Kathie to amend the minutes. The minutes showed that the motion to approve the April 25 minutes was seconded by Bruce, but Bruce was not at the meeting. The minutes should reflect that they were seconded by Renee. The motion was approved. A new motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Ann and seconded by Kathie. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: See attached written report. Comments and discussion about written report:

- Fall Soccer has best participation numbers in years! Picture Day is coming up this Sat., Sept. 24. Newberry Cup is Oct. 8. Still determining if PTO will run bake sale and looking at back up option if not. We think Fireman's pancake breakfast will be held at school that day.
- Donations from Summer Concerts was approximately \$1400. Most importantly, we met our budget and came in within our net profit margin. Need to consider more efficient staging options for next year.
- Ann asked if Beach Season passes were up or down. Report reflected this year's numbers, but Betsy has not had a chance to compare to other years. Will have info at budget time to compare. Overall, think Day passes were probably down and season passes were normal, but Betsy will confirm.

SPECIAL EVENT PLANNING:

- Halloween Parade is on Oct. 30th. The Costume Contest will be before the parade from 12-1:30 pm. Preferably inside, discussed and agreed. Discussion held if there needs to be a system to the game flow like last year, or let everyone in to play and mingle. Pros and const to both. People though that the system was steady and smooth and felt like this is a better way to go this year as well. May consider increasing capacity depending on

how it feels. Ann recommended finding a high school student to help judge the contest as they know the pop culture costumes and it's helpful. Betsy will put out the call for volunteers in October. Note: The Library book sale is the same weekend this year. Considerations to traffic flow. The Rotary also informed us of a professional photographer that is interested in providing a photo booth at the event. The Committee had some questions and concerns, but hope it can provide a beneficial addition to the event. Betsy will follow up with Rotary and photographer to discuss.

-Heritage Potluck dinner will be held Oct. 23 from 3-7pm. Betsy is assisting them with admin support for the event and helping to spread the word. It is sponsored by the Equity and Diversity Committee and they invited the Rec Committee members to be involved.

-Holiday Tree Lighting is Dec. 2nd. Carmone Austin, the new owner of Shelburne Country Store, wants to bring back the cookie decorating at the store and maybe ask for donations to support Make a Wish. Also considering a "live remote" with a radio station at the event. Carmone is gathering interest from others. We need to have further conversations on broader collaboration with the Town's businesses about the event.

BUDGET UPDATE / CAPITAL PLANNING: Now is the time to start thinking about as we enter the budget season. Betsy encouraged members to reach out if they have thoughts for consideration. A few capital budget items considered were a portable stage, Hullcrest park playground, pickleball court conversion and tennis court lighting upgrade, possible field work (discuss with Baseball committee).

BEACH HOUSE PROJECT UPDATE: Permit has been submitted for the DEC, 60-90 day turnaround expected. Awaiting approval from DRB and hoping to be on Oct. 19 or Nov. 2 agenda. A Fire Safety permit is also needed from State, but need a Mechanical Engineer to approve plan first. We have a proposal form one under review and hope to have them under contract soon to help with permit needed. A tentative, hopeful timeline is in place, and we would like to offer public update and presentation at oct. 11 Selectboard Meeting. Will work on RFP in November and try to put out to bid before Dec. holidays, with bid due date in mid to late Jan. Hope to approve a contract in Feb. and Construction in spring, in an ideal world!

OTHER BUSINESS: Hayley expressed interest in using social media to help promote volunteer sign ups, encourage event attendance, and general community engagement. She offered to help. We will add to agenda for Oct. meeting.

-Renee suggested the Committee should do something for Marshall Webb, who was always around at our concerts. A card will be circulated to send to Shelburne Farms family and Staff.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Director's Report

Summer Programming Recap:

Tennis Lessons – 18
Horse Camp - 10
Rocketry Camp – 12
Lego Engineering - 18
Baseball Camp - 37
Redhawk Soccer camp - 50
Field Hockey Camp - 15
Basketball Camp - 45
Swim Lessons – Cancelled, no instructor found

Shelburne Beach Recap: 1142 season passes, 570 Day passes

Summer Special Event Recap: We were able to present all of our summer special events with no official cancellations due to rain, but unfortunately a rainy night at Back to the Beach in June kept the crowd away and we had a small turnout. Summer concerts at Shelburne Farms returned with solid turnouts and we lucked out with great weather. Our Committee did a great job taking over the new parking duty and managing the trash/ recycling / compost station and water table. Feedback was very positive to be back at the Farms. The final concert and Fireworks event at Vermont Teddy Bear turned out to have one of the biggest crowds there yet, despite the on again, off again drizzles. However, the best part of the evening was a huge full double rainbow and smiles on peoples' faces!

Fall Programming: Fall Soccer 1st-6th: 267, Pre-school: 30, Kindergarten: 38
Total Fall soccer – 335
Tai chi-16, Yoga - 6, Pickleball clinic- 12, Cross Fit-7
Men's Basketball – 30, Volleyball – tba, Table Tennis - 10