

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
RECREATION COMMITTEE
LISBON TOWN HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order by Christopher Fabry, Vice-Chairman at 7:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Fabry, Robert Rhoades, Jhady Jaffe, Meagan Sikorsky (remote), Andrew Lagace (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kyle Gleason, Thomas Restivo

OTHERS: Eve Raposo, Max Gray, Lisbon Central School Student Ambassadors, Amanda Chittick, Rene Malaro, Jessica Sulak, Reed Nowakowski

2. Reading of previous minutes – Motion made by R. Rhoades second by J. Jaffe to accept the previous Special Meeting minutes of March 1, 2023 as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence

- a. Catalogs, from various equipment companies
- b. Copy, letter, dated 3/14/23, from Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman, re: reappointment of K. Gleason to the Recreation Committee for the term 4/30/2023-5/1/2025.
- c. Copy, letter, dated 3/14/23, from Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman, re: reappointment of T. Restivo to the Recreation Committee for the term 4/30/2023-5/1/2025.
- d. Copy, letter, dated 3/14/23, from Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman, re: reappointment of C. Fabry to the Recreation Committee for the term 4/30/2023-5/1/2025.

4. Bills and action thereon –

- a. Thelemic Printshop, \$837.03, invoice dated 2/23/2023, re: basketball all-star t-shirts
Motion made by R. Rhoades second by J. Jaffe to reimburse A. Chittick \$837.03 for personal payment of the Thelemic Printshop invoice for the Basketball all-star t-shirts (70201).

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

- b. Recognition Products, \$390.84, invoice dated 2/27/2023, re: medals and basketball trophies.
Motion made by R. Rhoades second by J. Jaffe to reimburse C. Fabry \$390.84 for personal payment of the Recognition Products invoice for medals and trophies.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED

5. Old Business

- a. LMP –

Softball/Baseball fields – A. Chittick explained to the group that she is sponsoring a field cleanup on Saturday mornings for anyone who would like to volunteer to help. R. Rhoades also mentioned that J. Arico is also a volunteer who helps maintain the fields. R. Rhoades explained that people are scheduling the fields, but when they fill out the application they are not specifying what the field will be used for, so there may be some duplicate requests. Also, an insurance waiver form is required with every reservation request. Porta Johns will be delivered to the baseball field the last week in March. R. Rhoades has also been in contact with the town crew in regards to beginning mowing the fields. He has talked to someone who will be able to fix the tennis court net and is awaiting the estimate. He will also research modifications to the disc golf course. R. Rhoades also mentioned that the LMP sign needs to be fixed as the letters do not stay in their tracks. He will contact Prokop Signs for an estimate.

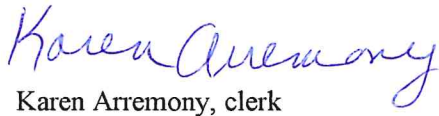
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- b. Programs
 - i. Youth Basketball – Vice-Chairman C. Fabry reported that the youth basketball program is winding down. He recapped the season expenses explaining that the program essentially broke even with \$14,847.84 in expenses and \$15,109 in revenue. Next year K. Gleason and A. Chittick will be running the programs as he will be stepping down.
 - ii. Volleyball – R. Rhoades reported that participation in the volleyball program has doubled in the last two years with 67 participants and weekly attendance averaging at 33 people.
 - c. Social Media Venues – J. Jaffe reported that the Facebook and Lisbon Now! Postings have been successful, especially advertising the Easter Egg Hunt event. She has also been advertising for new members for the Recreation Committee. She is working with R. Rhoades in transitioning his files to a shared location for the committee to access once his current term has ended.
 - d. Community Liaison – Eighth grade students have been asked to volunteer to help with the Easter Egg Hunt (see below).
 - e. Bus Trips – Vice-chairman Fabry indicated that he will be organizing a bus trip to a Red Sox game for some time in August. Planning is currently in the preliminary stages.
 - f. Committee Calendar – scheduling the porta johns - complete, coordinate mowing schedule - in progress, fertilize fields – contract signed, wood chips on trail – outstanding, to coordinate with trail committee, Easter Egg Hunt – in process, ready ball fields – in process
 - g. Food Trucks - Family Day – nothing to report
 - h. Easter Egg Hunt – Eighth grade students are being asked to volunteer to help fill Easter eggs on Saturday, March 25 from 10:30-12:30 in the Barn. For the actual event on Saturday, April 1, Vice-chairman Fabry will be in charge of the event with J. Jaffe, R. Rhoades and A. Lagace assisting. M. Gray will perform as the Easter Bunny.
 - i. LRC Membership Reduction – No motion was made on this proposal. R. Rhoades explained to the group that even though there may be less members to reach a meeting quorum, the same amount of work still needs to be addressed, which would only increase the load of fewer people. With K. Gleason signing up for another term and additional interest from community members due to on-line advertising, the group would like to wait to see if more volunteers come forward. R. Rhoades presented a list of his current committee duties which will need to be reallocated once his term expires after next month. A suggestion was made to him that perhaps the Fall Festival Committee should combine with the Recreation Committee.
6. New Business
- a. Soccer Nets at Lisbon Central School – R. Nowakowski, an 8th grade student at Lisbon Central School attended the meeting to represent the Class of 2023 Service Learning Project to Better the School. The students are proposing to the Recreation Committee the installation of soccer goals on either the grassy area in the center of the track or by the softball field to be used by students during recess periods to provide for more physical activity during the school day. The committee agreed that this is a cause that they would love to support. R. Rhoades has been in contact with school administration in regards to obtaining approval for this endeavor. He is also researching the cost of the two portable 6 foot nets and will submit the proposal at the next meeting.

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7. Any other business which may properly come before the Commission – Vice-chairman Fabry stated that he has been asked about the purpose of the town property between the school and the new fire station. It has been suggested that perhaps this area could be used as an outside volleyball court.
8. Adjournment – Motion made by R. Rhoades second by J. Jaffe adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS, MOTION CARRIED


Karen Arremony, clerk

APPROVED: _____
Christopher Fabry, Vice-Chairman

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ON 3/22/23 AT 10:10 AM
ATTEST. MICHELLE GRANT, TOWN CLERK
