

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
RECREATION COMMITTEE
LISBON TOWN HALL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was called to order by TJ Restivo, Chairman, at 7:11 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Restivo, Kyle Gleason, Jhady Jaffe, Robert Rhoades, Meagan Sikorsky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christopher Fabry, Juliana DeWilde, Andrew Lagace

OTHERS: Max Gray, LCS Student Ambassador

2. Reading of Previous Minutes

Chairman Restivo reviewed the minutes, highlighting the key components. Motion by R. Rhoades second by M. Sikorsky to accept the previous Regular Meeting minutes of 1/24/2022 as presented.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence

- a. Catalogs, from various equipment companies
- b. Email, from Sea Unicorns, dated 2/25/2022 re: various events at upcoming Sea Unicorn games – Committee agreed that the events do not pertain to them as a committee, but would share the information via social media for Lisbon residents.

4. Bills and action thereon

- a. Norwich Fitness Center, \$1750.00, invoice re: court rentals for Youth Basketball program between 2/2/2022 and 3/5/2022 – For the record, approved to pay at 1/24/2022 meeting.
- b. Justin Tulli, \$630, dated 2/28/2022 re: referee for Youth Basketball (21 games), Sean Garvin, \$95, dated 2/28/2022 re: referee for Youth Basketball (1 game) and running clock for Youth Basketball (5 games), Ryan Tate, \$121, dated 2/28/2022 re: referee for Youth Basketball (1 game) and running clock for Youth Basketball (7 games), Drew Garbo, \$660, dated 2/28/2022 re: referee for Youth Basketball (22 games), Jonah Dupuis, \$60, dated 2/28/2022 re: referee for Youth Basketball (2 games). – For the record, approved to pay up to \$1530.00 for referees for the remainder of the season at 1/24/2022 meeting. The total of these bills is \$1566.00. Motion by R. Rhoades second by M. Sikorsky to approve the additional \$36.00 for payment to the basketball referees (70201).
VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED
- c. Christopher Fabry, \$380.00, paid 2/24/2022 re: reimbursement for 2022 Neil Hoelck Tournament (Waterford – All Star Tournament). Motion by R. Rhoades second by K. Gleason to reimburse Christopher Fabry \$380.00 for the cost of the Neil Hoelck Tournament which C. Fabry paid to Waterford Recreation Basketball (70201).
VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED
- d. Christopher Fabry, \$211.37, paid 2/16/2022 re: reimbursement for Youth Basketball trophies paid to Recognition Products, \$211.37, invoice # 117747 dated 2/14/2022. Motion by R. Rhoades second by K. Gleason to reimburse Christopher Fabry \$211.37 for the cost of Youth Basketball trophies which C. Fabry paid to vendor (Recognition Products) (70201).

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

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- e. Canterbury Athletic Association, \$500.00, dated 2/28/2022 re: entry for Canterbury All Star Tournament. Motion by R. Rhoades second by K. Gleason to approve up to \$500.00 for entry to the tournament with payment occurring upon C. Fabry providing invoice/documents to Bookkeeper (70201). VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

5. Old Business

- a. LRC Positions/Roles – Chairman Restivo reviewed the roles that members volunteered for at the previous meeting. Ms. Sikorsky agreed to continue as the volunteer to organize bus trips. Chairman Restivo also noted that he tends to handle the paperwork and budget items. It was noted that a point person will be needed for the Egg Hunt. Discussion ensued about the potential role of Special Events Coordinator.
- b. LMP – Mr. Rhoades reported that he spoke with Mr. Jim Arico who has in the past volunteered to get the park ready for the spring events. Mr. Arico mentioned he would be putting up the batting cage and may need funds to repair the batting cage. The town mows the area but otherwise volunteers maintain the area. The idea of hiring a contractor was brought up, but scheduling and heavy equipment on the field has limited that process in the past. Chairman Restivo stated that in the past, Jewett City Little League (JCLL) reserved the field for their Junior League. Mr. Rhoades will reach out to JCLL to ask if they intend to use the field. If so, he will ask if they are willing to assist with the labor to prep and maintain the area. Mr. Rhoades agreed to take care of changing the sign at The Meadows, to follow up with Mr. Arico to determine more specifics about what is needed, and to check the Conex box for supplies.
- c. Winter Programs
 - Adult Basketball: Mr. Gleason reported the season started strong and some individuals had to be turned away. The number of participants has decreased the past few weeks since many college students have returned to school. The program averages about 15 participants per week. Chairman Restivo reminded Mr. Gleason to be sure to collect funds from non-residents each week to help cover the cost of the program and facility. The program will run until mid-June.
 - Co-ed Volleyball: Mr. Rhoades reported the number of participants has increased to about 20-24 each week. Mr. Rhoades asked if Chairman Restivo had heard back in regards to the protocol if an injury occurs during the program. Participants do sign waivers. Mr. Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman, mentioned to be sure to document the injury in detail and that any issues with participants' insurances will be directed to the town's insurance policy holder. Mr. Rhoades did mention that an individual was injured recently but he was not made aware of the injury for a week or two. The program will run until mid-June.
 - Woman's Volleyball: Chairman Restivo mentioned the program would like to begin again. Additional details need to be worked out.
 - Youth Basketball: Mr. Fabry nor Mr. Lagace were present to reported, but Chairman Restivo believes the season is coming to a close.

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- d. Social Media Site Updates – Ms. Jaffe stated she posted about the upcoming Egg Hunt to gauge interest but did not get much reaction. Ms. Jaffe continues to ask members to provide her with information to post. Ms. Jaffe would like to post pictures of the adult sports programs and the Lisbon Central School Student Ambassadors (with permission). She has been sharing Recreation Committee events but also other important town information via the page as well.
- e. Bus Trips – Chairman Restivo encouraged Ms. Sikorsky to touch base with Mr. Fabry in regards to a possible Red Sox trip. The committee discussed other potential trips such as a trip to Springfield Massachusetts to the Dr. Seuss Museum or the Basketball Hall of Fame, or a trip to the zoo. The committee mentioned planning trips for the fall with maybe one focused on families and another focused on adults.
- f. Committee Calendar - Reviewed topics listed under February. The committee is on track.
- g. Egg Hunt - The event will take place on Saturday, April 9th with a rain date of Saturday, April 16th with a start time of 11am. Mr. Gleason agreed to be the point of contact for the event.
Supplies: Chairman Restivo believes the supplies are in the garage. He will get the keys this week to see if the eggs, signs, and fencing are there.
Candy: Committee will purchase candy from Walmart since the town has a credit card there. Chairman Restivo will get the credit card from the Bookkeeper prior to the shopping trip. Most of the budget goes towards purchasing candy. Committee would like to continue the Golden Egg tradition with special prizes such as donations from town businesses. Interested committee members will go shopping for candy on Saturday, March 19th at 8am.
Fill the Eggs: Committee would like to solicit the help of some older children such as the local girl scout troop or a school group to stuff the eggs. Chairman Restivo will reach out to the Lisbon Central School Student Advisor. The committee and volunteers will stuff the eggs on Saturday, March 26th. The time and location will be determined at the next meeting.
Day of the Event: Will need volunteers to distribute the eggs and help organize the children by ages.
Bunny Costume: The fire department had the bunny costume but it got ruined. The committee provided the information to the fire department so they could order a replacement. Mr. Gleason will reach out to fire department to determine the status. Committee would like the Easter Bunny to arrive at The Meadows on a fire truck. Committee would like to do pictures with the bunny as well.
Food Trucks: The committee would like to have 2-3 food trucks present. Mr. Rhoades will seek guidance from the Farmer's Market Committee, the Administrative Assistant to the Selectman, and the Building Inspector specifically in regards to permits.
Other Events: Ms. Jaffe will connect with other town groups to ask whether they would like to be involved in the event by sponsoring other kid activities such as face painting, balloons, or a craft. At a previous meeting, the committee discussed ways to attempt to make the event last longer than in the past.

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6. New Business

Possible Future Events – Mr. Gleason suggested a Food Truck Festival at The Meadows with at least ten food trucks and a DJ. Picnic tables would need to be moved to the area. Suggested activities for the event included corn hole, bouncy house, and/or an outdoor movie for the evening.

7. Any other business which may properly come before the Committee – It was noted that masks are now encouraged but not required for recreation activities. The Committee encouraged the Student Ambassador to think about what he and other students would like to see for future events and to bring those ideas to the next meeting.

8. Adjournment – Motion by R. Rhoades second by M. Sikorsky to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED: _____
Thomas J. Restivo, Chairman

Melissa Cassidy

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