

Colebrook Recreation February 11, 2020 Minutes

Present: Katie Martin, Roxanne Puhalski, Dave Hotchkiss, Kim Janak, Justin Truskauskas (arrived 7:24 p.m.) Absent/Excused: Chris Waring, Dan Ward

1. Called to order at 6:42 p.m.
2. **Public Comment and correspondence-** No public comment; Received a flyer from "Science tellers," which is a science program through story-telling. The Rec board sponsored a presentation two years ago and was wondering if it should be done again-end of the school year. Katie to inquire with PTO when to hold and where.
3. **January Minutes Review-** Kim made motion to approve minutes, Katie seconds. Minutes were approved.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Clay:** need 12 yds to fill infield one inch thick; will last years, so we can get it and then tarp it to keep it clean, \$40/yd., \$480 total. This is a quote from Sheffield Pottery. We need to get one more quote. Kim makes a motion to approve under \$600 to purchase clay for the baseball field upon receiving a second quote. Motion passes.
 - b. \$50 gift card from the Colebrook store needs to be purchased for the basketball benefit game raffle.
5. **Basketball**
 - Practice is on Thursday this week instead of Saturday for the younger kids, practices will only be at Colebrook for the rest of the season, no more practices at Camp Jewell due to slippery flooring
 - Rec. basketball has two more games this year and then play-offs start on March 1st.
 - Discrepancy between some ref calls and consistency between refs but overall been fair.
 - Play-offs will be at the Hotchkiss school for a tournament event,
 - March 20th there is a coaches game at Pearson for a benefit. Travel vs. Recreation (6pm); Coaches/ volunteer game at 7pm.
6. **Ski Program-** tabled until next meeting; Kim 1st, Katie, 2nd
7. **Fishing Derby-**

Planning:

 - Need a tote to put all materials in for the derby
 - Need to get a waiver form for participation;
 - Tell Tom McKeon exact date so that he can inform insurance company as is a special event
 - Permit- Katie will apply for the permit, both paper and electronic copies, then send to Tom McKeon

-Jon Ferrante is helping Katie with organizing the fishing derby

-Keith Martin is going to make a measuring board to measure the fish

Different age groups: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 for competition; also an under age 4 group

-May want to limit the number of participants based on pond accessibility

-All participants 7 and under must fish from the beach

Fish- 75 rainbow trout, 75 Brook Trout, 10 Rainbow/Brook/Brown; prizes will be based on the biggest fish caught; estimation of fish cost is \$1192.50.

-Fish delivery will be April 23rd; we may need to help to put the fish in the pond.

-use wrist bands to keep track of fish size versus fisherman;

-Tom McKeon will be paying for the fish because it is a town event

- Possible 3-5 fish limit per person based on participation

-Decide whether participants will bring the fish home or release back to the water

Prizes: Prizes are for each age category: (1st) prize- fishing trip, 2nd- fishing pole and tackle box, 3rd- \$10 gift card for the Colebrook store and a round of minigolf at R&B

- To get 3 passes (for 1 adult, 1 child) for the Blackhawk charter boats, we have to spend more than \$900 on the fish stock- the passes will be the top prizes for each age group (Todd Bobowick donated from Rowledge Pond Aquaculture)
- 4 passes donated from R&B Sports for open playground and 4 for minigolf to be used as prizes. (For the 4 and under group- R&B playground card)
- Goodie bags for first 20/30 children registering by deadline; bags to be filled with gummy worm candy?, bobbers, etc (minimal dollar amount for each)

Bait will be limited to worm-only fishing, no lures; Keith Martin will help to obtain worms to have on hand

Cost to Recreation Board- most prizes donated, but some costs for fishing poles, tackle boxes, and Colebrook Store gift certificates and food for the morning to include breakfast foods already made. Kim motioned to approve these items. Katie 2nd. Motion approved.

Ice and coolers- will get from Center Colebrook Firehouse. Kim will bring big cooler.

9. **Hockey Fundraiser-** Deadline for Wolfpack tickets is March 20th for the March 28th game

- Kim will make paper copies to send home

10. **Baseball-**

- Colebrook is not going to a little league format for the 2020 spring season. All towns having same issue with insurance requests and will reconsider next year. Tom McKeon has estimates for town insurance; Rec board is pushing for \$1 million coverage
- Not enough kids to have our own Colebrook teams, we will likely join with Norfolk, but there are some issues with coaching prospects to finalize
- Registration also differs greatly in price between Colebrook and Norfolk; is it possible to decrease the registration fees for Colebrook? Kim will speak with Mark Crone about Norfolk baseball information.
- Sign-ups are slow: 7 for majors, 3-4 for minors, 3-4 for softball, 1 tee-ball, none for farm
- Tuesday nights in the gym has been moved to Mon. for baseball clinics, pending insurance coverage

- Playing up- this might be an issue if joining with Norfolk; Colebrook Board feels that due to safety concerns associated with baseball, that age is going to be adhered to for minors (3rd and 4th grade) and majors (5th and 6th grade), softball is (4th-7th), with an age limit). There is no issue with students playing down a level. Colebrook will retain control of decisions for baseball player placements.
- Recreation Board is going to put a positive promotion flyer to generate baseball interest and put it in the newsletter for Friday, February 14th, 2020 along with sending home paper copies

11. New Business

- **Draper foundation-** this is money to use for kid purposes within the town; this is money donated to the region towns by a former family from Colebrook. An option to know about if a need occurs
- **CPR Course-** need a list of participants for March 19th course, 6pm at the town hall. Recreation Board will pay for coaches' CPR Course and cards. Kim motioned for CPR payment for coaches, Rox 2nd. Motion approved.
- **Karate enrichment cluster-** Kim is sponsoring the cluster for the next five weeks at CCS. Beth assured her since during school day that falls under school insurance.
- **Multipurpose room renovation committee.** Beth Driscoll would like a Rec. rep. to help consider what type of flooring should replace the current flooring in MPR of CCS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm by Kim Janak, Justin 2nd.

Respectfully submitted by Roxanne Puhalski