

Colebrook Recreation Board Special Meeting April 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom

Present: Katie Martin (exited 6:50) , Chris Waring, Roxanne Puhalski, Kim Janak, Justin Truskauskas, Dave Hotchkiss,

Public present: Scott Norton (exited 7:13)

Absent: Jon Ferrante

1. Call to Order -Kim called at 6:33 p.m. Roxanne 2nd

2. Recreation events to finalize:

Fish derby:

- Katie said gate needs to be opened for Friday by 11 a.m. as Todd from Fish stocking company will need to deliver. Kim to call Tom to request.
- Registration at 8 a.m. but asking volunteers to be present by 7:30 a.m. for set up.
- Jon working on color coded wristbands for age levels so easy to recognize
- Registration table: Kim to print rules sheet with May scavenger hunt printed on reverse side to hand out to parents. Kim to create master list of those preregistered by age level.
- Pond protocol- For safety: Katie suggested that little kids fish on beach side and older levels to fish on bridge side.
- Kim to get pizzas Friday and breakfast sandwiches Sat a.m. for Rec. families camping over at Pond to patrol fish
- Items: Kim to bring megaphone and get snacks at Bjs with hand sanitizers; Jon/Katie to bring cooler of ice for fish, measuring tape.
- Day of helpers: Registration table: Katie/Rox; Monitors: Kim/Justin in beach area and help where needed; Fish measuring: Jon Ferrante/Keith Martin; Monitor flow of participants/traffic: Scott and Cathie Norton to help where needed. Ask Tom McKeon to monitor traffic for parking.
- Facebook issue: Discussion about sharing information about Recreation events should be agreed upon at Board meeting and not personally posted. In trying to keep this a small event for town children/families, word got out to Winsted paper faster then ready to have

it posted. Once on Facebook, you cannot track who shares or who is in which groups. All agreed to approve as a board what is posted on social media for future events. Will reiterate at regular meeting as all members not present.

Town scavenger hunt: Kim contacted Camp Jewell and their suggestion was to use the CJ sign on McClave Rd so not so much traffic. Kim contacted Historical Society and they suggested "Old Seymour Inn" for participants to search for. Kim suggested to run event through June and Board felt that month of May was adequate time.

3. **Baseball update** –

- Billboard signs: Kim said previous contractor failed to follow up on the two company signs we were paid for last year. Kim inquired with 4 other companies for quotes within comparison. Signs are being created and will be completed within 2 weeks. Kim will be sending donation requests for billboards asap knowing that players will be holding games on our field as this was a question previously.
- Covid protocol- Dave received inquiry from school nurse about 'return to play' statement from doctor after a child has contracted Covid. Nurse said that CIAC which is high school league requiring. Dave contacted FVHD and they are 'recommending' child gets checked by doctor but not mandatory. Dave said all town baseball board not interested in this option, however, one town in league requesting. Kim mentioned that is a privacy issue. Roxanne said that parents have to bring child to doctor if contracts Covid and to ask to return to doctor to incur more expense seems unfair. All Board members agreed to keep current waiver form with Covid protocol as is without a 'return to play' note from doctor.
- Field- Dave said Premier Turf repaired field from the vandalism and cost \$1375. Figured since company hired to maintain majority of town fields and the low rate

of volunteers on a given day that this option was well worth it. Kim said that a parent called her stating how great the field looks. Dave ordered new bases as the old ones broke when the vandal "ran the bases with a vehicle"! Possibly use of cameras to eliminate any further possible vandalism to be discussed at regular meeting.

- Complaint issue- Dave received a complaint via second hand, not directly from the parent. Dave said that there should be a chain of command and that parents need to discuss with coach first and if not resolved then share with a Board member for mediation. All agreed to reiterate this with parents, coaches and Board members.

4. **Adjournment** – Kim motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Dave 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,