

Colebrook REC Board Special Meeting Minutes – 02/08/2022
Online Zoom Meeting

Board Attendance: Chris Waring, Roxanne Puhalski, Katie Martin, Kim Janak, Jon Ferrante, Ryan Farrell, Absent from Board: Justin Truskauskas
Public in attendance: Amy Gardner, Peter Gove

Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chris at 6:35 p.m., Katie 2nd

January 2022 Minutes Approval – Katie made motion to accept the January 5, 2022 minutes. Roxanne 2nd. **All in favor**

Finances – Amy Gardner presented finances and explained 2 separate accts. One is for Rec. Bd. usage for sports, events, etc. that unused funds rollover yearly and other is General fund which town approves budget for yearly for town pond/school grounds upkeep. Amy suggested that if know of big expenses to ask in January yearly as budget season being finalized in next few weeks. Amy also reiterated that town has Amazon acct for any purchases as we are not reimbursed for any taxes paid on receipts as a town entity. Roxanne asked about snack shack as building expense. Amy shared background of who/how built years prior.
-Katie shared that Amy from Still Life Photos who takes soccer photos will be sending yearly donation to Recreation Board soon.

Treasurer- Discussion about whether to have separate position considering that Amy is town treasurer. Katie suggested that good idea to have a pinpoint person for events to collect and deposit money to Amy. Kim suggested that years prior was a constraint with only one signer if not available and good to have an alternate besides chairperson. Currently, with pandemic, Karen has called to ask for permission via phone to disperse check order requests made so has been easier than in past. Katie nominated Jon Ferrante for Treasurer position, Roxanne 2nd
All in favor.

Basketball – Since Justin not present, Chris informed Board of season thus far: about 50/50 wins/losses for Colebrook students grades 4-6 playing with Winsted League via registration Season was off to rough start before holidays as many cancellations due to Covid cases increase and weather cancellations. Season pushed back a week or so but still completing game schedule.

Ski Program – Chris Waring reported that the ski program going well and seeing many Colebrook families taking advantage of the program on Thursday nights.

Karate – Kim shared that will restart this Wednesday night at town hall as Covid case numbers have significantly decreased. She is unsure if will be able to reopen classes at school and will update at next meeting. She is not advertising this session via school as younger classes are full and keeping students from last session.

Baseball – Ryan shared that registration was sent home by email via Hannah at CCS. Deadline is March 1st. He said met with Dave Hotchkiss who was a great help in mentoring for season. All towns baseball meeting was attended by Dave as Ryan could not attend but will inform of any updates next meeting. Katie suggested to advertise about baseball on Facebook page. Kim suggested Parents of Colebrook page since designated for our town parents. Katie will work on blurb to post.

CRPA- Connecticut – Kim shared that this statewide recreation association has opportunities for towns to buy into group discounted tickets which may be worthwhile to offer to our town residents. Board agreed to have Kim research. Motion to Table topic to next meeting. Kim 1st, Chris 2nd. **All in favor.**

Spring events:

-Fishing Derby 2022 – Katie will reach out to Todd at the fish dispensary for updated price list. Katie said that Jon will talk to Chris Johnstone, our new 1st selectman about this event. Chris suggested that was discussed for a subcommittee of 3 to coordinate this event: Katie, Jon and Roxanne will lead this event and report back to Board with updates.

-Outside town performance- Kim mentioned that would like to excite residents especially post Covid with a fun event outside and stated that could host a magician or science tellers again as did over four years ago. Board agreed that need something during warmer weather to get people outside. Kim to research venue costs and propose dates during next meeting to discuss. Chris motioned to table topic to next meeting, Katie 2nd. **All in favor**

Adjournment – Chris called to adjourn meeting at 7:48 p.m. Katie 1st, Roxanne 2nd. **All in favor**

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,