

Colebrook Recreation Board Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2022
Colebrook Town Hall Meeting Room

Board Attendance: Chris Waring, Roxanne Puhalski, Katie Martin, Kim Janak, Ryan Farrell (arrived 6:40, left 8:02 p.m.), Jon Ferrante (arrived 7:17), Justin Truskauskas (arrived 7:29), Public in attendance: Chris Johnstone(left 7:41 p.m)

Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chris Waring at 6:37 p.m., Katie 2nd

Public comment: Chris Johnstone thanked Board for our time serving. He suggested that next year ask for line item in budget for fishing derby costs. He also shared that Rec may choose 2 of 3 bikes in room unclaimed from holiday giving that we can use as prizes for fishing derby.

February 2022 Minutes Approval – Katie 1st, Roxanne 2nd. MINUTES APPROVED

Finances – Chris shared that Amy Gardner sent itemized finances of deposits/checks so easier to see cash flow. Last month balance-\$12,150, this month- \$12,034

Old Business:

- a) Kindergarten soccer surveys – Kim missed last game to ask parents to complete so sent surveys via email and have not received any back. She said that if don't ask in person usually never get back otherwise.
- b) Colebrook Recreation email- Chris said will be pinpoint person to check sporadically and has been checking. Katie said will give teen night contacts to Chris to update.
- c) CRPA (CT Recreation & Parks Association): Kim shared information about being a member of this association, benefits, etc. Kim motioned to approve membership for one member (Board agreed Chris Waring) to be apart of this association for \$110/year. Roxanne 2nd. MOTION APPROVED.

Sports update:

Baseball- Ryan informed of prospective registrations: Tball- 10 players, Farm – 4 players, Minors -1, Majors-6, Softball-1. Ryan talking to Chris Gomez from Norfolk about combining players to field a team. Chris W. shared with Ryan about baseball field clean up and usually wait until after thawing. Tentative clean up date: Saturday, April 9th with backup date April 23.

Basketball – Justin said season is almost over. Playoffs start next weekend for Recreation. Travel playoffs start this Saturday. Winsted Rec. has a pizza party for end of the year for players. Host kids vs. kids game and coaches vs. coaches on March 25 at 6 p.m. @ Pearson Middle School. Usually our Board donates a gift certificate towards end of year penny auction fundraiser. Justin motioned for \$50 gift card for Dick's Sporting Goods, Jon 2nd, MOTION APPROVED Justin suggested an end of year gift to 6th graders as he has coached them since Kindergarten. Roxanne made motion to approve purchase for basketballs for 6th graders, Kim 2nd MOTION APPROVED

Karate – Kim informed Board that karate classes resumed at CCS. Masks are optional but some parents want children to still wear.

Other: Katie mentioned maybe a way to comprise a survey poll on Facebook or town webpage to advertise if parents/children interested in other sports willing to lead.

Spring events:

a) Performers: Talewise storytellers – June 10 @ Snack Shack at 6 p.m. Kim to request date from group. Chris motioned to approve \$350 for performance, Justin 2nd, MOTION APPROVED. Magician proposed during Colebrook Fair near snack shack. Roxanne motioned to approve \$250 for performer, Jon 2nd, MOTION APPROVED.

b) Fishing Derby 2022 – May 21st, rain or shine. 9 a.m. Lines in. Katie, Jon, Roxanne on planning committee. Organizers to meet 8 a.m. day of. Suggested bringing grill down to cook for organizers and participants for free.

Committee suggestions: serve hot dogs, chips, juices for free day of derby. Cook burgers for organizers night prior. Prizes: 1st prize- Fishing trip from fish company, 2nd prize- fishing gear, 3rd prize-Cabela's g/c. Every child that registers will receive a goody bag full of treats, etc. Need to assess supply needs by checking snack shack. Chris motioned to approve estimated costs of \$500 for derby costs, Kim 2nd, MOTION APPROVED.

c) Teen night – Chris Motioned to TABLE topic to next meeting, Jon 2nd, TABLED

d) Colebrook day @ drive-in – Chris motioned to TABLE, Katie 2nd, TABLED

New Business:

a) Snack shack upgrade- Katie motioned to TABLE, Chris 2nd, TABLED

b) Communication- Katie mentioned that we all need to decide on an overall form of communication so all know how to respond quickly. Board agreed on best form.

Jon asked if can create a Recreation Board Facebook page just for Recreation events. Chris to ask town webmaster if can have separate web page for Rec.

c) Equipment inventory- Kim mentioned that she was supposed to inventory equipment but was daunting task alone and up to Board to decide whether to complete. All agreed to set aside a separate time in spring to inventory.

d) Insurance policy - Justin motioned to TABLE to next meeting, Jon 2nd, TABLED

e) Teen job fair – Roxanne discussed topic with NWR7 principal, Gary Franklin, about this prospect. She said that he would need a proposal from us. In order for proposal, Chris said have to try to get other Rec. Boards involved to help promote and connect with local businesses who may want to participate. Chris to reach out to town boards while other members reach out to businesses before next meeting.

f) Resignation – Kim passed letter of resignation to Board effective tomorrow. Chris motioned to accept resignation, Katie 2nd, Resignation APPROVED

Board nominated Peter Gove to serve the remainder of Kim's term, effective tomorrow. Chris motioned, Katie 2nd, MOTION APPROVED

Adjournment – Chris motioned to adjourn, Roxanne 2nd, ADJOURNED

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,