

Colebrook Recreation Board Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2022

Colebrook Town Hall – Town Meeting Room

Recreation Board Attendance:

- **Present** – Chris Waring, Ryan Farrell, Jon Ferrante, Katie Martin, Roxanne Puhalski (arrived at 8:10PM)
- **Not Present** – Justin Truskauskas
- **Public Attendance** – Peter Gove, Mary Stauffer

Call to order:

Chris Waring called meeting to order at 6:46PM

April 2022 meeting minutes:

Jon Ferrante made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2022 meeting, Ryan 2nd. All in favor.

Finances:

Jon is keeping track of the board finances by sport and event for future analysis and record-keeping. This will help us to determine where we can appropriately allocate funds in the future. For April, there was \$175 inbound (more to be posted upon final numbers from the town) and \$1358 outbound for baseball field spring maintenance by Premier Turf.

Old Business:

1. **New Board Member Search** - The board welcomed to the meeting Mary Stauffer as a possible new board member. She attended the meeting as a member of the public to observe. The board will be forwarding her name to the Board of Selectmen for consideration of appointment.
2. **Snack Shack upgrade** - Public member in attendance Peter Gove communicated that Camp Jewell has roughly 3 squares of shingles which they have offered to donate for the replacement of the snack shack roof. He is also working with Lowe's for possible donations and/or discounts for other building supplies needed. The board agreed to form a sub-committee for the Snack Shack upgrades. After discussion, Chris Waring made a motion to appoint Justin Truskauskas, Peter Gove (as a volunteering member of the public), and himself to the Snack Shack sub-committee. Katie Martin 2nd. All in favor.
3. **Storage Area Cleanup** - The Rec Board storage area in the town shed needs a significant clean up and organization. The board will be meeting on either June 18th or June 25th to inventory and organize all the sports and other equipment stored in the shed.
4. **Insurance Policy** – Chris Waring commented that he received a copy of the town's insurance policy for future review of any questions on Rec Board events. In the event there are still questions, the board can contact the First Selectman's office for further clarification.
5. **CRPA Discount Tickets** – Chris Waring is working to contact the CRPA regarding the availability of discount tickets to area amusement parks and attractions.
6. **Food Handler Class** – Chris Waring has taken the food handler class and reported back to the board, encouraging all other members to take the class. The cost is \$25, which will be reimbursed by the board upon request.

Baseball:

- **T-ball** – Ryan reported that games have started, and the two teams are doing well. He also mentioned that Mary Stauffer (present) was a great help in organizing the two teams.
- **Farm, Majors, and Softball** – Games have started in each of these divisions and the kids are doing well

Baseball Billboards:

Roxanne will be sending out the renewal letters for the existing billboards. We have two new possible billboard signs that may be reserved, one by a local contractor and one by a local realtor.

Fishing Derby – Saturday May 21, 2022:

The board has received all ordered materials for the fishing derby and have other needed items from last year's derby. Gift Cards (for prizes) and worms need to be purchased and the fish delivery date/time will be finalized shortly. Jon will be picking up some additional 30-gallon garbage cans and bags as well as an additional propane tank for the grill to be used at this and other events. Some board members will coordinate on the food and grill the day before the derby. Recreation members will meet at 7:00-7:30AM on derby day to set up.

June Storytellers:

Scheduled for June 10th, 6:30pm, at the recreation field. Chris will be creating a new flyer for the event to be sent home in the school newsletter and to Colebrook parents. Chris will be contacting the town regarding the use of Town Hall meeting room for the event if needed.

Colebrook Fair:

Chris reported that the fair is officially on for 2022 and that the Rec Board will continue the traditional participation of food at the Snack Shack and games for the kids. Full planning will be kicked off in June with the formation of 2 sub-committees (Food and Games) and each board member is being asked to brainstorm for new ideas to enhance the experience from previous years. Chris will also be working with the fair's entertainment sub-committee chair to possibly book a magician act for the baseball field area to be held between the end of the car show and the start of the boat regatta.

Soccer:

- Chris to reach out to a couple uniform/equipment vendors regarding the purchase of new soccer jerseys for the Fall 2022 season. He will report back on costs and options for the June meeting.
- Chris, Katie, and the other coaches are looking to start another summer soccer clinic. Start times may vary, with the goal of having fun events for the kids once a week over a portion of the summer and to get them ready for the start of the season.
- Soccer registration flyer is typically sent out by the end of the school year based on when the league (run by Barkhamsted) supplies the registration website.

New Business:

- **Coaches/Sport Survey** – The board has determined that it would like to design a new end-of-season coaches/sport survey that focuses more on the sport itself and parent suggestions, while still having a coaches evaluation area. The goal is to obtain not only feedback on the coaches, but some additional constructive feedback on the programs themselves.
- **Scavenger Hunt** – Katie discussed the Scavenger Hunt that Kim Janak designed in 2021. The board would like to do this again but make it a slightly small single day scavenger hunt that ends in a get-together, possibly at the Pond. Current idea is to have this be a mid-summer event. More details to come.
- **Archery** – The board discussed the Archery program that has been held the past few years as a one-week evening program in the summer. The board will be looking for possible coaches and volunteers to see if the program will be something that can be run in Sumer 2022.
- **Other Sports** – There was some discussion of other sports that have been mentioned by some parents in town. The board will be studying these options but need to consider that the pool of players in town is small and many of these other sports have seasons that run in parallel with the main Fall, Winter, and Spring Rec sports seasons.

Adjournment: Katie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm, Ryan, 2nd. All in favor.

Next Meeting - Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Waring