

Colebrook Recreation Board Meeting Minutes –June 2, 2022
Colebrook Town Hall Meeting Room

Board Attendance: Chris Waring, Roxanne Puhalski, Katie Martin, Jon Ferrante

Public Attendance: Peter Gove, Mary Stauffer

Board Members Not Present: Justin Truskauskas, Ryan Farrell

Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chris Waring at 6:43 p.m., Katie 2nd

May 5, 2022 Minutes Approval – Chris 1st, Jon 2nd. MINUTES APPROVED

Finances –\$1505 received; baseball dues \$1165, additional soccer dues was \$90, also snack shack and fishing derby; expenditures \$1685.84: fishing derby supplies, baseball jerseys, snack shack stocking, and Science Storytellers payment.

Recreation Expenditures:

Baseball -\$541.60

Fishing Derby- \$510.30

Snack Shack- \$1.94

Balance: \$10,611.02

Katie will send a thank you note on behalf of the Recreation Board to the town for the fish donation for the derby.

Old Business:

1. **Election Board**- Mary Stauffer will be up for election to the board on June 13th at the first Selectman Meeting.
2. **Snack Shack Upgrade**- Repairs will begin after baseball season and completed before the Colebrook Fair. Peter Gove said that Camp Jewell is willing to donate some shingles. He will also visit Lowes to ask for donations. Dave Hotchkiss already replaced the lights in the snack shack. The plan is still to replace the doors, sill plates, paint the exterior, and the roof.
3. **Storage Cleanup**- June 18th, 9am, or June 25th, weather dependent.
4. **CPRA Discount Tickets**- Chris said that we could still order tickets, some ticket availability, have changed. Only Lake Compounce and CT Science Center are individual tickets, otherwise, other venues need to have a group 15 people to attend. We have to order 25 tickets, minimum. Chris suggested that we order Lake Compounce and CT Science Center tickets. We will send out a flyer to the school to inform families about ticket availability.
5. **Baseball Update**- The Minors team last game is Saturday, June 11, then play-offs begin. The Farm team's season is over June 3rd. T-ball completes their season on June 11th. Justin is going to contact the Lions Club to set up the baseball awards picnic at the Colebrook pond. Justin will also order baseballs for each participant and get a list of participants' names to Jon so that he can make the awards certificates. Jon suggested

that we get a list for each sports team at the beginning of the season so that he has more time to get the certificates made. Baseball surveys needs to be done soon.

6. **Billboard Update:** Roxanne will send out the ten renewals letters to the current businesses that have billboards on the baseball field.
7. **Fishing Derby-** It was a great success! We had 30 fishers at the derby, 12 pre-registered. Katie suggested that we should look at the food amount bought to get a better estimate for next year. Suggestions for next year include that the derby be held on Sunday instead of Saturday to avoid any conflicts with baseball games. We also need to make sure that the Porta Potty is at the pond for the derby. Katie also suggested that we purchase another pop-up tent. People asked for coffee, so Jon suggested that we have a pot of coffee running for the morning. Peter suggested that maybe we find someone to donate a canoe and do a raffle to have a parent and child to fish from the canoe. We would also need to have a lifeguard if anyone is in the water. Peter suggested that a board member complete a lifeguard-training course and then be able to volunteer their time during the derby. We could also ask for donations from different companies to donate prizes, etc. to the derby or ask for money to help fund the fish for next year. We could also ask for a donation from the Draper fund to help with the cost of the fish. Peter said that Camp Jewell uses a company called Bolduc for all clothing, etc. It was suggested that we set up a website for clothing equipment. Parents could purchase clothing and a percentage of the proceeds would come back to the Recreation Board.
8. **June Storytellers Event-** June 10th, 6pm. Chris will have it posted to the town page and Katie will also post it to the Facebook pages. Right now, it will take place at the recreation area, but we have the town hall reserved for that night if the weather is bad. Jon will bring two folding tables we can set up a hand washing station. We will also have snacks and drinks available for purchase.
9. **Colebrook Fair-** Maybe have a bounce house on the baseball field this year. We also need to have more events between the car show and the boat race. Chris will check as to what is going on for the Colebrook Fair Committee to see how the planning is going. We can also consider making breakfast sandwiches in the snack shack in the morning, then burgers and hotdogs later. We need to get coffee going. July meeting will focus on Colebrook Fair. Mary's mom is willing to paint a coyote board for the kids to put their face in for the field.
10. **Soccer-** There is a league meeting at 8:30, June 2, 2022. Chris discussed new uniforms for next year. He reached out to Shawn McDonald at "Soccer and Beyond." New shirts will be about \$35 per shirt. Chris is estimating that we need 60 shirts, making sure to get extra in the larger sizes. Chris will also get a second quote from a different company. We currently charge \$20 for K, 1-2 is \$45, grades 3-6 is \$50, with a maximum of \$100 per family. Chris suggested that we increase the 1-6 to \$55, and keep \$20 for the kindergarten for next year. Katie will ask if the Draper foundation could donate towards the cost of the soccer jerseys, maybe a standard donation each year to the Rec Board. Chris made a motion to keep the registration for k at the current cost of \$20, and 1-6 for \$55 and maximum of \$110 for family. Roxanne, 2nd. Motion passes.
11. **Scavenger Hunt/ Luau-** tabled for July meeting.

12. Summer Archery Options: tabled until July, see if Kim Janak and Dave Hotchkiss are interested in running the program this summer.

New Business: 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

Adjournment – Chris motioned to adjourn 8:29, Roxanne 2nd, ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Roxanne Puhalski