

Colebrook Recreation Board Meeting Minutes –August 11, 2022
Colebrook Town Hall Meeting Room

Board Attendance: Roxanne Puhalski, Katie Martin, Jon Ferrante, Mary Stauffer, Chris Waring; Justin Truskauskas (arrived at 6:50pm)

Public Attendance: None

Board Members Not Present: Ryan Farrell

Call to order – Meeting called to order by Chris Waring at 6:41 p.m.

July 7, 2022 Minutes Approval – Jon 1st, Katie 2nd. The minutes were approved as written.

Finances: \$50 check from Todd Hiller for baseball. Katie purchased soccer equipment for the upcoming season, totaling \$500. The Recreation Board account currently has a \$10927.02 balance. The baseball season resulted \$1300 deposited to the account, \$1791.60 in expenses, for a total deficit of \$491.60. Jon will contact Amy Gardner to see if any payment has been received from any of the businesses with bill board signs.

Old Business:

1. **Snack Shack Upgrade-** Justin has a list of supplies needed and will get it to Peter Gove to connect with representative from Lowes. Katie also shared a number with the board of the name of Janet Matthes who is arranging a donation of lumber for the snack shack repairs.
2. **CPRA Discount Tickets-** Not done this year. Money was needed up front, so with the time it would have taken to get approved, it was too late to do the tickets this year.
3. **Billboard Update:** One letter was received from the Colebrook Lions Club that they will support, but couldn't meet our payment deadline. We will send out next year's letter in early January. Further discussion is tabled until November.
4. **Colebrook Fair- Food:** Need to get food amounts and need to apply for food service permit. Roxanne will complete the snack shack inventory and then consult with Jon and Chris to finalize the food and supplies needed for the Colebrook Fair. **Games:** Breinar only has bounce houses (a 13'x13' for \$195) and a bounce house with a slide for \$362. Taylor Expert Rental also has a bounce house, same size as Breinar, but requires a \$60 hold for the rental until all parts have been accounted for by their company upon return of the bounce house. Neither company has obstacle courses, but we should book bounce a house if we want it for the labor day weekend. Katie will also follow up with Ryan and see if he has a bounce house to loan the recreation board for the Colebrook fair to use with the younger children. Katie has a call in to the Staff Sergeant Vigo with the Torrington National Guard, to see if they are willing to provide obstacle courses. Magician, Rich, "Mr. Magic", will cost \$250 and will be there at 1pm, show will start at 2pm. Needs two long tables, a small card table, access electrical outlets, and two chairs. He is requesting a check for that day. The Gaga ball pit will also be on the ball field, donated by Camp Jewell. Mary has a game list that she and Katie will finalize and for the fair. Jim Steck is willing to volunteer with the Recreation Board for the Colebrook Fair. Mary also a rough draft for the picture board for the kids to have their picture taken

with the Colebrook Coyote. We will have a baseball tag sale at the snack shack during the fair, as well consisting of equipment that can no longer be used for recreation sports due to changing regulations, but are still in good condition.

5. **Soccer-** There are 70 soccer jerseys were ordered for \$26 each. Katie will make a spreadsheet/ sign out list for each jersey to make sure that we get them returned at the end of the season. Jon will also use the list to make certificates for the end of the season. Katie bought the following supplies: Katie bought soccer equipment (size 3 and size 4 practice soccer balls (6 pack of each), 2, size 3 and 1, size 4 game soccer balls, 3 first aid kits, a case of 16 ice packs, 1 pair each of size 4 and 5 goalie gloves, 4 goalie shirts, 1 medium long sleeve, 1 medium short sleeve and 1 each short and long sleeve goalie jerseys in size large. Chris will order field paint in red (enough for one season) and white (1 case for two years), total will be \$987. The total of supplies is about \$1500. A motion was made to approve the purchase of soccer supplies. Jon 1st, Justin, 2nd. Sign-ups are at 30 students, so far: 12 for grades 5-6 team, 10 for grades 3-4 team, 8 for 1-2 grades team, so far. There are still a few sign-ups for each team pending. There are 7 kindergarteners in Colebrook this, year so this might be a joint team with Norfolk. Chris will talk to Beth Driscoll about attending the first day of school event, so that he can speak to the Colebrook students about the sports that the Recreation Board offers. The first game of the season is Sept 10th. October 1st is Pumpkin/ mum sale and soccer picture day. This will be held at Colebrook, concurrently with the soccer games.
6. **Soccer Summer Clinics:** The summer clinics will be 8/16, 8/17, and 8/24, from 5:30-7pm. There will also be students in 7th and 8th grade and high school to work with the students at the soccer clinics. There will be no night games at the Winsted field this year because there are no more lights on the field. The lights may be replaced in the field in the future, but not for use this year.

New Business:

1. **Lifeguard training for Recreation Board members-** Chris will send an email to Peter Gove and Karen O'Dell to follow-up.
2. **Wiffleball/ Kickball tournament:** This used to be done long ago, so we will try to bring it back. Katie suggested that maybe we do a kick ball tournament in the spring and start planning for it over the next several months. We can charge each team a price, provide prizes. We can have teams, young ages, through adult. We can advertise it in the surrounding towns and schools. This is a good way to raise some money for new equipment next year. Other suggestions were made through Facebook included a community tag sale, winter event in the recreation area, and a luau at the pond. Many people were willing to volunteer at the recreation events.
3. Brandon Fields is no longer the basketball league organizer for Winsted. Ashley Clement is taking over for running the basketball league.

Adjournment – Chris motioned to adjourn 7:46 p.m., Roxanne 2nd.

Next Meeting – Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Roxanne Puhalski