

**Colebrook Recreation – February 2023 Meeting – 2/2/23 6:30PM**  
**Colebrook Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Attendance –**

- Present - Chris Waring, Mary Stauffer, Katie Martin, Ryan Farrell, and Tiffanie Meehan
- Absent - Roxanne Puhalski
- Public attendance – Peter Gove

**Call to Order** - Call to Order made by Chris Waring at 6:39 PM.

**Approve January 2023 Meeting Minutes** – Ryan Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2023 meeting. Seconded by Katie Martin. All in Favor.

**Election of Officers –**

**Chair** – Katie Martin nominated Chris Waring to continue as Chair, Tiffanie Meehan seconded. Chris accepted nomination. All in favor

**Vice Chair** – Tiffanie Meehan nominated Katie Martin to continue as Vice-Chair, Chris Waring seconded. Katie accepted nomination. All in favor

**Treasurer** – Tiffanie Meehan nominated Mary Stauffer for Treasurer, Ryan Farrell seconded. Mary accepted nomination. All in favor

**Secretary** – TBD – No nominations or vote taken

**Finances** – Chris reached out to Amy Gardner for town’s Recreation Board financial report. Chris also contacted Jon Ferrante to obtain all his records from his time as Treasurer. Jon sent records to Chris, who will organize and distribute to the newly elected Treasurer, Mary Stauffer.

**Old Business –**

- **Snack Shack Upgrades** – Mary Stauffer to obtain list of recommended upgraded based on our previously defined wish-list from Jeff Stauffer. At that time, the board will consider those and any additional upgrades needed/desired and define a timeline and plan for those to be completed
- **New Board Member needed** – Tiffanie Meehan will be speaking with a Colebrook resident about interest in joining the board and filling the final vacant seat.
- **2023 Baseball Field Billboards** – Chris Waring reached out to Roxanne Puhalski to obtain the list of current billboards, renewal letters, and any other materials currently held. Katie Martin is reaching out for a second quote on the billboard creation for comparison. Katie Martin will mail out the renewal letters to existing billboard holders and any newly identified prospects.

- **Family Gym Night** – The February Family Gym Night is tentatively scheduled for Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM at the Colebrook Consolidated School Multi-Purpose Room. Games for the K-2 and 3-6 groups are being proposed and a flyer will be made and distributed via the school in the next week or so.
- **Fishing Derby** – Tentative date is still Sunday May 21, 2023. Katie Martin has reached out to the fish vendor but has yet to hear back. She will continue to contact to obtain updated 2023 pricing and recommendations. Katie Martin to reach out to town to determine if there is a possible donation to assist in the costs as was done in 2022.
- **Fundraising Events** –
  - **Pasta Supper** - Chris Waring has reached out to the Colebrook Sr. Center to inquire about using their dining room/kitchen for a Pasta Supper fundraiser to take place tentatively on Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chris will be meeting with Debbie Crowell in the next week or so to discuss options and finalize on a date. Ideas for additional fundraising during the event are a 50/50 raffle and basket raffle. Camp Jewell has generously agreed to donate a session at their day camp to the raffle and there are a few other basket ideas. In the January 2023 meeting, Colebrook resident and parent Dominic Dionne volunteered to help in the planning and operation of the Pasta Supper.
  - **Pig Roast** – Tiffanie Meehan has recommended a pig roast fundraiser. The board discussed holding this at some point over the summer or early fall, possible at either the Norbrook Farm Brewery or Little Red Barn Brewers, both with ties to Colebrook. There would be ticket pre-sales for a fully catered pig roast/sides, and a possible donation of a portion of proceeds from sales at the brewery.
  - **Gift Wrapping in Nov/Dec** – The idea was raised to have a gift-wrapping fundraiser during the 2023 holiday season.
  - **Wiffle Ball or Kick Ball tournament** – Brief discussion on holding an entry fee based wiffle ball or kick ball tournament at the Colebrook baseball field, utilizing the snack shack for additional fundraising opportunities. This will be an item on the March 2023 meeting agenda for further discussion and initial planning
- **Teen Night** – Brief discussion on teen night options, possibly using the Region 7 High School gymnasium as a central location, enlisting planning and operative assistance from the other towns within the Region 7 school district.

#### **Basketball –**

- Ryan Farrell reported that the season is continuing to go well, with the team currently holding a records of 4 wins and 2 losses. The season will continue through mid-March, at which point a playoff will occur for the league championship.
- Ryan Farrell will be looking into ordering basketballs for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders on the team for the awards ceremony at the end of the season. These would be size 29.5 basketballs,

which are the next size up from those currently used and what they would use in Middle and High School.

- For next season (2023-2024), Colebrook will be looking at holding the K-3 basketball skills clinics at CCS for town kids. There is discussion about how to accommodate lower basketball hoops for those kids, as the 10ft hoops in the CCS multi-purpose room are too tall for those ages. The school/Recreation Board has portable/adjustable hoops, but they are too heavy to be moved across the new multi-purpose room without damage.

#### **Baseball –**

- Ryan Farrell is to send the previous season's registration document to Chris Waring, who will reformat to be consistent with those from Soccer, Basketball, etc.
- Norfolk has expressed interest in having their players register through Colebrook, as the two towns have been combining for most teams the last few years. Motion was made by Chris Waring to accept Norfolk baseball player registrations through Colebrook for the combined teams for the 2023 spring season. Ryan Farrell seconded. All in favor.

#### **New Business –**

- No new business currently

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by Chris Waring at 8:29PM. Seconded by Katie Martin. All in favor

Next meeting Thursday March 2, 2023 at 6:30PM

Thank you.

Chris Waring