

St George Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017
St George Town Office
6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:16pm

Attendance: Ben Vail, Missy Gill, Joanna Montgomery, Craig Gauthier, Gary Minery, Summer Ward, Cassie Kilbride, Meghan Benner.

Agenda Adjustments: Adjust next meeting date to February 13th

Approval of Minutes: Motion - Gary, 2nd - Cassie, unanimous

Public Comment: none

Old Business

1. Youth Basketball: K-2 Clinics started this weekend and 22 players attended. Parent involvement was great. The 3/4th and 5/6th programs are underway. Games are competitive and teams are doing well. The 3/4th is scheduled to end on February 4th and 5/6th end their regular season on January 28th with playoffs beginning on Feb 1st
2. Thirty-one seniors enjoyed December's luncheon. Band members from the 8th grade performed Christmas music and were very well received.
3. Financial Report: no news
4. Scoreboard: Craig made a motion to take the scoreboard discussion off of the table from last meeting. He feels as though the two smaller scoreboards will be big enough at the softball field and will be useful for other sporting events. He also felt the price was too good to pass up. If the small ones don't work for bigger venues, he suggested that we could order the bigger one down the road. Gary made a motion that we move forward on buying the two smaller scoreboards. Craig seconded. In favor: Joanna, Craig, Gary, Summer, Cassie and Meghan. Opposed: Missy.
5. Community Trip: Only 9 out of 40 tickets have been sold to the UMaine hockey game. Lots of people have asked about it but not many have reserved tickets. The group decided we needed to do some more promoting on Facebook and perhaps put some fliers around town to help spread the word. Ben will print up some fliers to be distributed and Summer will post about the game on the St George Community Facebook pages.

A side discussion started about how the Recreation Department would benefit from more of a presence on Facebook. A Rec Boosters page has been set up but current members do not have access to it. Missy is going to get in touch with Tania Kingsbury to see if we can access it. If that doesn't work, Missy will set up a new page for Boosters.

New Business

1. Mussel Ridge Planning: All refs are signed up and table slots are filling up nicely. We are waiting for teams to sign up - only one team (Cushing girls) has signed up and paid. The group reviewed the list of businesses who took out ads and split them up to contact again for this year. Summer saw a lot of room for expansion and will reach out to some new businesses for advertising. Deadline for ads is February 10th. The group looked over the

concessions list from last year and decided which items should be added and which should be removed. Raymie will be in charge of arranging an order with Wiggin's meats and Ben will pick up any bread/roll products from Country Kitchen. The art contest will begin at the school this week and will conclude February 3rd. Ben will coordinate the judging with members of the community that attend an exercise class at the town office.

2. Ski Club: We had a very early start date this year - 14 skiers from St George headed up to open the ski club season on Thursday, January 5th. Kurt Schliecher is volunteering to be the ski liaison for this year.
3. Dugout Project: Nothing new to report until we get closer to a start date.
4. Swim Club/ St George Night at YMCA: After reviewing the options set forth by the Director of the YMCA, the committee members agreed on a motion contingent upon their preferences being met by the YMCA. Missy made a motion to offer the "Safe around water " program followed by a 30-minute open swim, with program costs of \$5 per program participant to be covered by the Rec Boosters, to families of 2nd and 3rd graders contingent upon the siblings of the 2nd and 3rd graders being able to participate in free swim while the program is taking place (parents will be responsible for the cost of the siblings free swim which is also \$5 per person). In addition, the motion included moving forward with a St George Night at the YMCA scheduled for April 6th which would give St George families access to the entire Pen Bay YMCA facility for \$5 per person.
5. 2017-2018 Budget input: The maintenance item is lower this year but Senior programming is up slightly due to increased participation and increasing food costs.

Other Business:

1. Executive Session: not needed
2. Next Meeting: February 13th at 6 pm with an additional meeting for Mussel Ridge expected near the end of February.
3. Booster Discussion - Boosters discussed hosting a gear exchange at the beginning of each season. They will begin with a gear exchange to be held on the night of the baseball/softball little league sign ups.

Adjournment: Motion- Cassie, 2nd- Joanna

Time of Adjournment: 7:48pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Missy Gill