

St George Parks and Recreation Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017
St George Town Office
6:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Attendance: Members present were Ben Vail, Gary Minery, Joanna Montgomery, Missy Gill, Cassie Kilbride, Summer Ward, and Raymie Upham. Absent members were Meghan Benner, Craig Gauthier, and Ann Hoppe.

Agenda Adjustments: Add spring tennis program and facilities update under New Business.

Approval of Minutes: Gary made a motion to approve the minutes and Cassie seconded.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

1. Seniors Program Report: Tomorrow is the Senior Luncheon. The menu consists of tacos and fajitas and the speaker will be Ann Boover from Herring Gut. All of the senior trip programming is in the final stages with the following trips: June- Art museum in Portland followed by a trip to Portland Head Light, July - Belfast Art Show and Lobster Pound in Lincolnville Beach, August - Lunch Cruise aboard the Laura B, September- Common Ground Fair and ice cream stop, November - annual shopping trip.
2. Financial Report: Ben reported that the youth programming budget is lower than expected due to the way the Rec Department is reimbursed for monies being used to pay upfront for certain activities. Ben will follow the trail more closely to make sure that the money is put back into the proper accounts.
3. Little League programs: Little league is off to a good start. Game schedules are up on the Oceanside website and Ben will share those on the town site. Craig and Peter will be covering all of umping for the softball games and Ben has been working to make sure that all of the baseball games will be staffed as well. The minor league boys team have 23 players and they will split into upper and lower teams. Josh McPhail will be coaching the lower team and Morgan Hilliard will be coaching the upper team. Missy has agreed to coach the minor league softball team but there are currently only 7 players. If we can't recruit enough players to field a team for games, Missy has agreed to hold clinics for the minor league girls on a weekly basis.
4. P&R/ Pen Bay Y review: The second grade swimming was a great success. The second grade gave a presentation at the most recent community meeting and thanked the P&R Department for its part in organizing it. The reviews for St. George nights at the Y were mixed with the first night only bringing in two families and the second night bringing in only 4-5 families. We will revisit the idea next fall to see if we will offer it again.

5. Boston Train Trip: The Boston train trip was a great seller. Tickets went very quickly once folks made their vacation plans. Missy will be group leader for the trip and because we only have one group ticket, Ben will divide the group into smaller family units that will be easier to keep track of during both legs of the trip. We will think about ways to offer this again if it all goes well.

New Business

1. Dugout project: Dugouts will not be worked on until the end of June.
2. Field Clean-up Day/Facilities report: Batting cage nets recently purchased by Boosters are here and ready to go up. Among other things, clean up day will consist of painting the concession stand, raking the field, putting wire up on the dugouts, and setting up the batting cage. Clean up Day is scheduled for April 15th and Ben will provide hot dogs and water for those that stop by to help out. Announcements will be made on facebook and by town email to let people know how they can help. Tennis court nets are already up due to cooperative weather.
3. Summer Clinics: The survey has been done and the four clinics for this summer will be Soccer, Science, Basketball, and Art. Ben will be reaching out to possible instructors and assistants but Meghan Smith has already agreed to help out with the basketball clinic. Clinics will be held during the last two weeks of June and the last two weeks of July this summer.
4. Marshall Point 5k: The Rec Boosters will use the same flyer and registration form as last year. There was a discussion about raising the registration prices but after researching what a typical 5k entry fee is, the committee decided to leave it at the current prices. Gary suggested ordering a few extra t-shirts that do not have dates printed on them to use in case we run short from year to year. A discussion was also held about the possibility of selling sweatshirts during baseball games this year and what is left at St George Days. Missy will come up with a few designs to show the committee and we will make a decision from there.
5. St George Days Overview: A discussion was held regarding the Old Timers Game and how we can bring in more people. A suggestion was made to call it a Community Game and try to keep participants to 18 or older. There were thoughts about having a Port Clyde vs Tenants Harbor game and finding team captains that would recruit players while also keeping slots open to any other interested players. The game was cancelled last year due to weather but a decision was made to keep the 'Old Timers' name for one more year so that we could reuse the t-shirts. We will talk about making a change for next year.
6. Youth Tennis: There was some interest in bringing back a youth tennis program for 3-5 graders. Karan Cushman and Ann Hoppe will help organize the clinics if there are enough interested players. Ben will go over to the school and talk to the kids during lunch to try to drum up some interest.

Other Business

1. Executive session: none

2. Next Meeting: June 12 at 6 pm
3. Boosters Discussion: Members went over some of the details of the Mussel Ridge Hoops Tournament. It was agreed that we will try to keep local purchases to a minimum as it is too expensive and it cuts into our fundraising profits. A list of suggestions was drawn up and will be helpful for improving next year's tournament.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.