

St. George Parks and Recreation Committee  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 6:08

Attendance: Ben, Summer, Meghan, Brandon, Craig, Jaime, Bryan, Gary  
Cassie, Missy, absent

Agenda adjustments:

Election of New Officials moved to the top of the list

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve-Gary Second-Bryan, All in favor

Public Comment: none

Election of Officers:

Missy for Chair; Gary second; All in favor

Meghan for Vice-Chair; Gary nominates; Gary seconds; All in favor

Cassie for Treasurer; Jaime nominates; Gary seconds; All in favor

Jaime for Secretary; Gary nominates; Brandon seconds ; all in favor

## Old Business

1. Senior Report:

Sea Dogs in August: Pavilion is perfect! In the shade, all-you-can eat buffet. Around 40 attended.

Lighthouse Cruise (about 70 going) this Wednesday 11-1; Darcie is catering.

First luncheon of the year: Knox County Beekeepers is coming

2. Financial Report: We are just starting off—we are in good shape. Children's Rec has spent about half already bc all the supplies have already been ordered. There is now a Community Rec line which is for trips, ice rink stuff, etc.

3. Adult Programs: Small group of people play Pickleball regularly; multi-generational groups were playing during Math Camp ☺

4. St. George Days debrief:

**Road Race:** our numbers were half of what they were in the past; Next time we should try to involve Paula Lunt bc she does a lot of races; official scorekeeper (Brandon knows someone who times the Thomaston Trek); more signs/people to direct runners; include person/water at lighthouse; get a large map to use every year to show the runners the route beforehand; can this be a walk/run?;

**Dunk Tank:** Lots of last minute finalizations, however it went very well. We made \$250 for the Fireman's Association; steady flow of customers

**Cornhole:** It went fast—9 groups played. Next year we should do double-elimination. People should bring their own team. We had to play in the gym due to weather. We should buy our own boards and make sure all the bags are the same.

Old Timers game: a few people made comments about the lack of a game this year. We may try again in the future, but the turn-out has dwindled to just about nothing.

It would be nice to have a field day with a variety of games.

### **T-shirt sales:**

5. Summer Clinic Final Report: When we do classroom-like activities, it worked well to have them  $\frac{1}{2}$  days and to link them together. This year  $\frac{1}{2}$  art/  $\frac{1}{2}$  Science went well. The majority of kids signed up for both sessions. Concurrent full-day sessions can work if we are targeting different groups. Baseball and Drama going at the same time worked out great. The quality of instructors and number of instructors lead to the success of the activity. We did not have one weak week.

6. Facilities: Soccer fields are lined at the school. Ben will finish the big field this week. Batting cage is down.

7. Clinic/Game night: First 3 weeks went perfectly, with good attendance. Should we stop these events once St. George Days hits OR try a different day during the week?

It worked great to bring the fence in closer.

## **New Business**

1. Youth Soccer: Registration for soccer is HUGE....biggest turn-out of the year. 13 boys, 10 girls for 5/6;  $\frac{3}{4}$  has 22 players (two teams)

We have had a big turn-out from the community to help with reffing and coaching. Other towns are struggling to make teams.

$\frac{1}{2}$  numbers are down, but just a couple more kids will allow for 2 teams. K clinic has 6 signed up. (9/22, 9/29, and 10/6 at noon)

2. 18/19 goals: Brainstorming session

-More adult-based trips (brewery tour, i.e.)

-Collins Park (are we done for now or continue the discussion of the boat?) can we put something at the softball field for kids to play on? Would we have to write a letter to Betsy?

\*In October we need to discuss having the big field for Little League and the town landing field for farm league and t-ball?\*

-Increase concessions? Enlarge our boosters committee. They don't need to be on the Rec. Somebody from Rec could run the group.

22, 29 and 6 will be high traffic days if we wanted to do concessions at the soccer field. We are hosting the Mid-Coast 5/6 Championships on 10/26 at 1:00 and 3:00. We really should do concessions on this day at the very least.

-Rec. Center

-Fix the drainage by the school so we can utilize that field more

We will discuss the goals in more detail during our October meeting

3. Community Trips: brewery tour; Celtics trip (tickets are very high right now because they are playing well); Red Claws; UMaine hockey/football/soccer/basketball; Bowdoin trip/tour (see if Mr. Felton can do it again)

---UMaine soccer or football trip (Coach bus); Summer motions to look into logistics; Gary seconds; all in favor. Ben will look into both to check for prices and dates.

--Ben will look into Celtics prices

#### 4. Rec Center Discussion

-If we want to continue to pursue this, we should budget for the concept work for next year. (this could cost \$20,000). Before we put this in the budget, we need to:

-We need to have a small group meet with Tim Polky to discuss our vision.

-Ben will be in contact with Wiscasset to visit their facility and discuss how they function.

-Land?

#### 5. Possible involvement in Robertson Memorial Fundraiser?

-Softball tournament/5K/kids carnival/concert

-Could P&R donate our dunktank and sponsor a softball team?  
\$200 for St. George team.

All the money they raise goes to Barbara Bush Center.

-Meaghan motions; Craig seconds; all in favor

---This may be a way to get a town softball teams together for St. George Days---we play during their fundraising day, they play during ours  
Thomaston P&R vs STG P&R

We can re-visit the softball tournament/game idea in the Spring.

#### 7. Team Sponsors

This is a trial year. If it doesn't go well, we don't have to pursue this next year. We have JD Miller 5/6 soccer; Yorks Works 1/2 soccer team  
JD Miller 5/6 girls bball; Hall Funeral Home bball;

Cost:

Soccer: 5/6 \$175; 3/4 \$150; 1/2 \$125

Basketball: 5/6 \$175; 3/4, 1/2 \$150

TBall: \$150

Too late to sponsor for Soccer, but plenty of time for basketball.

### Other Business

1. Executive Session: none needed
2. Next Meetings: Gary motioned to keep our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month; Summer seconds; All in favor  
Meetings dates: 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 6/10, 7/8
3. Booster's Discussion: none needed
4. Approval of Fall coaches Josh and Shasta, Ben F. and Roni, Pam S., Summer and Autumn, Bryan and Matt P.: Jaime motions to accept; Brandon seconds; All in favor
5. Summer motions to adjourn; Jaime seconds  
Time of adjournment: 8:19