

St. George Parks and Recreation Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 20, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 6:02

Attendance: Ben Vail, Jaime MacCaffray, Summer Ward, Trina Schroeder, Meghan Benner (via phone) , Bryan Morse, Ryan Rice

Absent: Cassie Kilbride, Craig Gauthier

Approval of Minutes: Bryan motioned to approve; Summer seconds: all in favor

Agenda Adjustments: Add Oceanside Little League to new business

Public Comment: none

Old Business

1. Seniors Program Report

29 seniors last week for corn chowder

Next month's menu: American Chop Suey

2. Financial report

Current budget status is on the back of this month's agenda. All lines are in good shape. Ben will be submitting next year's budget this week. He is proposing to reclaim the parking lot at the Big Ball Field. Since we are now using it in the winter, it makes sense to pave it.

We will be purchasing new Little League baseball uniforms this year.

3. Proposed 21-22 Committee Goals

-Rink is installed. Once it is frozen and ready, we can plan a community event/skating party.

-We sent out a Community Trip Poll online: The majority of people (17) would like to see a Maine Celtics game and ride a coach bus.

-Investigate a skate park site: Ben is going to speak to the town manager about our idea for a skate park. As a committee, we should start thinking about a location. What should be included?

4. Youth Basketball

Season is underway for three teams. Each team has a practice schedule for this week; nothing over break; reconvene after break.

Ben has run a clinic twice for the 3-5 girls, with only two attending. He is seeing great improvement in those that attended. This clinic will continue after break. Discussion of girls playing on the boys team, if interested.

Grade ½ will start on January 8 from 8:30-9:30 for 3 Saturdays.

5. Clothing Sale

Summer has been in touch with KDK. They are unable to get a store open until after the New Year. Summer gave her all the information: logo, clothing, colors, etc. Summer will be back in touch with her the first week of January and keep us updated on any information

New Business

1. Skating Rink

Thank you to Trina Schroeder, Bryan Morse, Ben Falla, Ivan Falla, Jake Ward, Dan Sullivan, Doug Saunders, and the STG fire department (Ashley Lunt, Mike Lunt, Ryan Cline) for setting up the rink on Saturday.

Skate collection that Dexter Falla is spearheading is going quite well. MRC is sharpening all donated skates.

2. Ski Club

\$15 lift tickets will be sold at the Town Office; rentals will be done online (price will be the same); lessons are still up in the air.

Starting January 6 through February 17 (Thursday). Randall Thissell will still be the leader for our group.

Camden Snow Bowl is hoping to have the tubing hill open this year. This will NOT be part of Ski Club.

3. Mussel Ridge Tournament

If the school allows us to have a tournament, we will need to discuss what it will look like. Even without concessions, it will not look like it has in the past. It would be nice to offer this opportunity to kids, however. We will discuss this again after Ben talks to Mike Felton.

4. Community Trip Poll Results/Discussion

Community Poll Results: 17 responses

41% interested in Maine Celtics; 23% Maine Mariners; 17% College Hockey; 11% College Basketball

58% would ride a coach bus; 41% prefer to bring their own car.

Dan Falla is able to get a package deal from the Maine Mariners: ticket to game and all-you-can-eat burgers/hot dogs for \$35. He has reserved Saturday 3/26 at 6:00 for the Rec if we would like to sell these tickets. We can sell between 20-50 tickets. The Civic Center requires proof of vaccination for ages 5 and up OR a negative Covid test within 72 hours. Summer motions for us to offer this trip starting January 3; Ryan seconds; all in favor. We would like to offer this trip after the new year. We can leave the window open for three weeks. We will not offer transportation. If we don't get enough interest, Dan will have enough time to offer this trip to another group.

5. Oceanside Little League

Ben attended their meeting last week. Ben was able to meet the new leadership. They have great enthusiasm to include everybody and keep the fees as low as possible with sponsorships and fundraising. They are interested in keeping the same agreement as previous years, where Ben does the scheduling, we provide the uniforms, they provide game balls and team hats—they will not be charging St George to be part of the league. Ben encouraged them to be thoughtful on how to set up the season so we can play as long as possible for better weather. Bottomline: There will be an Oceanside Little League and St George will be part of it.

Other Business

1. Executive Session: none needed
2. Next Meeting: Monday 1/17/22 at 6:00
3. Boosters Discussions: none

Adjournment: Jaime motions to adjourn; Ryan seconds; All in favor: adjourned 7:06

