

St George Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2019
St George Town Office
6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm

Attendance: Ben Vail, Bryan Morse, Missy Gill, Gary Minery, Craig Gauthier, Cassie Kilbride, Meghan Benner.

Absent: Summer Ward, Brandon Caron, Jaime M.

Agenda Adjustments: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion - Missy, 2nd - Craig, unanimous

Public Comment: none

Old Business

1. Seniors Program Report: Senior Luncheon is tomorrow – they will have Cindy's chowder and will be entertained by the Camden flute group. Next month is pizza and the St George School chorus.
2. Financial Report: everything looks good – will look different after we pay for the bus to the hockey game.
3. Community Trip: We have sold 19 tickets. Boosters still needs to contribute their portion of the bus fee. Still trying to get people interested. Bryan mentioned giving away tickets to a community group, 8th grade, fireman, etc but Ben thought that giving ticket away would be difficult to explain to the paying passengers.
4. 2018-2019 Goals: There has been a successful effort to achieve the goal to increase concessions. Thanks to all that have worked toward this, especially Summer and Jaime. Adult offerings: Still developing this goal- perhaps a trip to the Sea Dogs geared just towards adults? Community Center plans: still developing.
5. Youth Basketball: Youth basketball is wrapping up. It was a good season with good participation. Thanks to all that helped, especially Jeff Shaw and Davin Putansu for stepping in and reffing some of the games.
6. Ski Club: The last day for ski club is this Thursday. We have had about 8-12 participants each week and only had to cancel once due to rain.

New Business

1. Rec Center Concept Funding Discussion: The \$2500 has been approved by Tim Polky to be submitted to the Rec Budget for the purpose of aiding efforts towards planning a Rec Center. Ben would like to have a member of the committee to be there when he presents the budget to the Select board. Missy volunteered to attend. Ben also suggested that the money be used towards conceptual drawings that could be displayed during St George Days. He also suggested that the Boosters could contribute towards this as well. The committee agreed that it would be good to have something to show people. Missy thought that we had decided to wait and work with the school on concept design and planning. Some members seemed to think that the school was moving forward without the Rec committee. Gary and Bryan both feel as though the Rec committee would be better to work autonomously and not have our project connected to the school's project. Missy thought that

there were too many questions to answer before engaging an architect to draw up preliminary plans and it would be a waste of money to design something if we don't have a location picked out. There was some discussion about the field behind the school as being the location we should focus on as it is already owned by the town. Craig mentioned that all we would need to work on is a right of way to that location. Gary said he would talk to Carmen (a native of St George) at Gartley & Dorskey, to see if she would consider donating some of her time for this design.

2. Mussel Ridge Planning: Ad sales are slow this year – we have a fraction of what was in last year at this time. Committee members agreed to prioritize that as it is getting close to the deadline for printing shirts. We also only have three girls teams at this time. Ben is putting the word out all over the state to find one more team but if we are unsuccessful, we will have to do a round robin style where all of the teams play each other once and the teams with the most wins will play in the championships. The group decided on green and heather gray mussel ridge shirts this year.
3. April Train Trip: We have had success the past two years hosting the train trip to Boston. We had 60 riders the first year and 70 riders the second year. We anticipate that there will be smaller numbers this year so we are only reserving 40 tickets and the price will remain \$20 per ticket – the trip will be April 18th this year.
4. Little League Planning: Online registration is open for Oceanside Little League – Ben will try to get folks to sign up online and OLL will periodically send Ben lists of names so he knows who has already signed up. There will be an Evaluation Day where we players can come and coaches can decide what league would be the best fit for the player based on age and ability.

Other Business:

1. Executive Session: not needed
2. Next Meeting: March 11th at 6 pm with an additional meeting for Mussel Ridge scheduled for March 4th at 8am at the town office.
3. Booster Discussion – There was an additional discussion about the declining numbers in participation, especially of girls, in youth sports. Meghan suggested that we look to expand our offerings to fit the interests of the kids – cheer team, dance team? Missy asked about a tennis club for 7-8th graders and Ben suggested that would be something that the school should pursue. We have tried tennis clubs in the past and we haven't had the numbers but we would be willing to try again if we had an enthusiastic group of students or a community member that wanted to take the lead. Ben suggested that maybe a survey to gauge the interests would be beneficial.

Bryan asked if the 5/6th grade travel team could use the reversible jerseys and Ben agreed. He also asked if Boosters would consider donating some money towards warm up shirts and Ben mentioned that the Boosters had already paid for the team's entrance fees.

Adjournment: Motion- Bryan, 2nd- Meghan
Time of Adjournment: 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Missy Gill