

St. George Parks and Recreation Committee

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 28, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: 6:01

Attendance: Ben, Jaime, Gary, Bryan, Meghan, Cassie, Craig
(Ryan, Summer absent)

Approval of Minutes: Cassie motions to approve minutes, Bryan seconds, all approved.

Agenda Adjustments:

Add Team sponsors, signage on scoreboard to Other Business

Public Comment: None

Old Business

1. Seniors Program Report

32 seniors attended the first in-person gathering in 15 months. They had a great time! Upcoming events:

--The next cook-out is July 6 under the tent at the Town Office.

--30 seniors are attending a Puffin Cruise on July 7.

--Owls Head Transportation guided tour on August 11.

--Another cruise on September 15.

2. Financial report

Year ended well, with 3 days away from starting a new year. Ben bought a weighted circular mound cover for the big baseball field so that he doesn't have to use sand bags anymore.

3. Baseball/Softball/T-ball Wrap-up

Ben stated that from his perspective it was the best season he has had in the past 8 years. Ben is going to recommend to Oceanside Little League that we continue with the schedule we had this year, starting later and ending later. Teams were able to do all practices on outside, not having to use the gym. Bryan reports that his team had a great season, everybody had fun. Gary reports that softball went well with lots of progress with the girls. Cassie reports both of her kids enjoyed their seasons. Gary suggested having a batting cage for our kids to practice hitting. (goal for next year?) Jaime reports a successful Little League season for the boys, pitching and hitting will be the goals for that group next year. Since there is no play-offs, could we do a Round Robin? Might be tough to schedule...

4. Facilities

Ben will be working with Sports Fields to work on spraying the fields and re-cutting the field. Concession stand needs the trim painted and the door is rotted. This is something we could handle in-house rather than hire it out.

5. Summer Clinics

They start tomorrow. Outside rain or shine, unless there is lightning, then they can use the gym.

Week 1 is Science in AM, Soccer in PM.

Week 2 is wiffleball/softball and dance

Week 3 is basketball and art.

Almost all sessions filled up.

New Business

1. Modified St George Days

2. Road race: currently there are 9 signed up. Cassie will make it an event on Facebook so that we can all share it. We need 20 racers by Friday, July 2 (Ben needs to get the shirts printed).

Corn hole tournament: Saturday 4:00-5:00 in right field. Ben plans on pushing this event out more after 7/4.

Concessions during the Craft Fair:

Menu: Gary is going to smoke pulled pork. Burgers, dogs, popcorn, soda, water, donated desserts

Workers: Everybody can be here, with the exception of Meghan.

Gary will turn water and electric on.

We can finalize details at our next meeting.

2. Summer Programming

Ben would like to do some clinics for the 9 12-year-old boys on the bigger field so they can learn the new field and rules. He is also going to set up a baseball and softball pitching clinic. Craig mentioned that Dawn would love to help with the softball.

Ben will leave Wiffleball equipment in the dug-out.

Oceanside Little League is offering 'Sandlot' in Thomaston where adults will supervise, but kids will run the games.

3. Soccer Program

Expecting to return as much as possible to regular soccer in the fall. With numbers from the past, we expect to have co-ed teams.

K-2 soccer will look different. They will just play within the town and set up small scrimmages for grades 1-2. We are recommending that K does not play. Almost always it ends in tears, and they are too little to play with 2nd graders. Ben recommends that we accept Kinders on a case by case basis. IF there is interest, we can offer clinics.

4. Correspondence

Jake Miller asked about signage to put on the scoreboard. Since the boosters funded the board, Ben recommended First National fund skating rink upgrade like lights, leveling the lot, etc

Will Minery (8th grader) spoke with Ben today to ask about putting a skate park (quarter pipe) at Collins Park. How do we put a park there and make sure kids behave and treat it well? Kids would need to have ownership and agree to take care of it and be respectful: clean trash, respectful language, park hours, etc. Would the skate park be better suited at the baseball field? Ben will talk with Tim Polky. This year's meeting dates: 9/14, 10/19, 11/16, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/15, 4/12, 6/14, 7/12

Other Business

1. Executive Session: none needed
2. Next Meeting: July 12, 2021 6PM at Gary's house
3. Boosters Discussions: none needed
4. Team sponsors: Are we okay with going back to team sponsors? Yes! What about vinyl signs for sponsorships that can hang around the field? We would have to ask the town.
5. Ben recommends we put a sign on the scoreboard stating that it is sponsored by the Rec Boosters. He would like to see it up by September. Could Clark Island Boat create this sign at the metal shop? Jaime will check.

Adjournment: Meghan motions to adjourn; Jaime seconds; All in favor: adjourned 6:58

