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Town of Northfield Public Meeting – Minutes

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Name of the board, committee, or commission: Northfield Recreation Commission

Location of meeting (physical address): 69 Main Street, Northfield MA 01360 in the EOC room

Date and time the meeting convened: 11/02/2022 at 6:30pm

Members present: 1) Josh Roman (JR) - Chair; 2) Bob Emberley (BE) – Vice Chair; 3) Chelsea Depault (CD) – Treasurer; 4) Courtney Lawler (CL); and 5) Laura Fries (LF).

Members absent: None

Others in attendance: 1) Amy Neil; 2) Stacy Bond (SB), NRC Secretary/Director

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- 1) Call to Order
 - A) 6:32pm Chair (JR) called to order and quorum present.
 - 2) Citizen Input/Guests
 - A) Amy Neil, who plans on coaching two of the basketball teams, was asked by SB to come to beginning of meeting to go over basketball practice schedules.
 - 3) Review and approval of minutes from September 20th 2022
 - A) Motion made to approve minutes from Sept. 20th 2022 by CL, seconded by BE, vote all yea.
 - 3a) Review and approval of minutes from October 5th 2022
 - A) Motion made to approve minutes from Oct. 5th 2022 by CD, seconded by CL, vote all yea.
 - 4) Directors Report
 - A) We came back to the directors report after going through the line items first and if there was anything extra to add, SB would add in here:
 - 1) Since the Director is supposed to be the Secretary/Director, but BE has been taking the minutes recently, SB suggested the committee make a motion to have SB to begin taking the minutes. A motion was made by BE to have the Director take over the minutes, seconded by CL, vote all yea.
 - 5) Chairs Report
 - A) Since BE was no longer needing to take minutes, to restructure, a motion was made by CL to make BE Vice-Chair, seconded by LF, vote all yea.
 - 6) Pool Advisory Group
 - A) A motion was made by LF to start up a Pool Advisory Group, seconded by CD, vote all yea.
 - 7) Girls on the Run
 - A) Need 8 girls, 15 kids max. Plan on it for spring. Contact Pioneer Principal to get 7th/8th graders or High School kids involved. Questions on subsidization. Bob willing to do "grasshoppers."
 - 8) Long term goals for NRC
 - A) Tabled for now.
 - 9) Summer Program update
 - A) SB will meet with Andrea once she is back from vacation to get started on this.

10) Basketball sign-up

A) SB has most things ready to go for sign ups beginning Nov. 7th, but need to figure out a starting schedule with current coaches, and that is why Amy Neil and Scott Martineau were invited (Scott couldn't make it last minute).

11) Cheerleading sign-up

A) Also starting on Nov. 7th however SB still needs to order pom-poms.

12) Treasurers report

A) Balance of Revolving Account is: \$18,660. Question as to which account Laura Rooney and Carsons Cans should be paid from. Pat Holloway will submit a time sheet. SB will email Chelsea numbers to start working on budget for FY 2024 due the end of the year.

B) Normally we pay soccer referees \$30 per game per ref. The referees also worked the Jamboree, which was at least 3 times longer than the usual games. A motion was made by CL to pay \$100 to each referee for their work at the Jamboree, seconded by CD, vote all yea.

13) MyRec.com update

A) SB is feeling more comfortable with it, but we will see how the first basketball registration goes!

14) CPA update

A) BE mentioned an upcoming public forum that the CPA is holding this month. SB is considering going to learn how to apply to CPA funds. An idea was mentioned that the NRC could partner with the NES PTO to try to get funding for a pavilion behind the school to be utilized by us (thinking mainly for the summer program). Committee was on board with the idea. SB already spoke to the chair, Cheryl George, and she said next step is that we need a contractor.

15) Fall soccer wrap-up

A) Soccer was a success! Kids enjoyed themselves and the end-of-season parties were fun! Coaches got special "Thank you" glasses with the NRC logo on them and were well received. Jamboree was fun and very hectic.

16) Adult pick-up soccer update

A) Had a good group of about 6 or more players at each game. Unfortunately, it seemed to be rainy on many of the Mondays.

16a) Discuss what sport is next for the free adult pick up series

A) Two main requests were basketball and volleyball. The gym at NES doesn't have volleyball net holes in the floor, so basketball is the winner. It will start Dec. 5th at 6:30 at the NES gym.

17) Adult exercise class update

A) Going well at Northfield Mountain. Seems the average number of people attending is about four.

18) Weight room update

A) Just started yesterday. Had two participants.

19) Kiwanis Park update

A) There was a recent update that an abutting landowner approached Kiwanis about purchasing the park. Not sure on the direction it will go with this new information.

20) Costume Swap update and planning for next year

A) Lots of donations, but no attendees. Kept the costumes to hopefully join forces with another entity next year.

21) Winter group outing to basketball and/or hockey game

A) Plan on a UMASS Hockey game on January 15th vs. UNH. \$8 per person.

B) Also, a women's UMASS Basketball game February 19th Sunday 12pm.

C) Will still consider a tubing group outing this winter.

22) Cross Country Ski at Northfield Mountain update

A) Similar to the pool passes that were done with the Vernon Pool, and residents took them out at the Dickinson Library this past summer... Looking to do four season passes at Northfield Mountain this winter. \$90 per season pass equals a total of \$360. \$16 per day with just passes (no ski rental).

B) A motion was made by BE to get 4 season passes to go cross country skiing at Northfield Mountain this winter, seconded by LF, vote all yea.

23) Funding for additional Director's hours update

A) The extra funding was approved by the Selectboard using ARPA funds.

24) Northfield's 350th anniversary in 2023

A) SB, who is also the chair of the Northfield 350th Anniversary Committee, proposed the committee get involved by hosting a small day tournament at the West Northfield Playground in the summer of 2023 (date and sport to be determined). Committee was in agreement and will start planning.

25) Topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours in advance

A) None

26) Next meeting Dec. 7th at 6:30pm at Town Hall

27) Adjourn

A) A motion was made to adjourn at 8:11pm by CL, seconded by LF, vote all yea.