

Franklin Recreation Meeting August 29, 2017

Participants: Bridgette Favreau, Bridget Thompson, Stephanie Ho, Dawn Fournier, Stacy Godin, Sam Gervais, Deb Grennon, Paula Tremblay

Bridget called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m..

Bridget motioned to approve the meeting minutes from August 15. Bridgette seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasurer reported that soccer registrations are coming in. A \$200 bill from M&C Transport for the Granby zoo trip was received. There is a question about postage on a warrant. Bridgette will look into that charge before the warrant is signed by board members. Stephanie motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Bridget seconded. The motion passed.

The Recreation director has been researching possible locations and routes for a fall bus trip..

Public Comment

Franklin Recreation would like to welcome Stacy Godin as the newest board member.

Discussion about how to garner interest for Board and Youth members.

Deb Grenon and Paula Tremblay from the Haston Library Board of Trustees have been visiting Franklin committees and boards to gather information about how the library is perceived. They asked what we like about the library and what is missing from the library. Discussion about what the library has to offer and what else it could offer followed. This included a discussion about holding a meeting with all community entities and creating a community calendar.

There is a Franklin School Board meeting on August 30 and Franklin Recreation is on the agenda. Bridget, Stephanie and Dawn will attend.

Soccer

Equipment: Sam Gervais joined the discussion about equipment needs, particularly for grades 5 and 6, since he will be coaching and they will begin practicing on September 5. He stated that this age group uses size 5 balls, not size 4 as previously thought. He also discussed lining the fields and finding referees for games with the Recreation board. He was given information about concussion training.

Swanton Recreation gave Franklin Recreation four 12' wide goals; four 6' wide popup goals, a box of corner flags, and a scoreboard. Equipment needs will be re-evaluated based on this and the updated ball size information. A thank you note will be sent to Swanton Recreation.

Vote on purchasing 12'x6' goals: This size goals are no longer needed thanks to Swanton Recreation.

Coaches: All coaches will need to have background checks completed. Swanton Recreation is going to share the website that they use for background checks. A coaches meeting is planned for September 5. Dawn will notify anyone who volunteers to help on the soccer registration forms.

A plan was made to work on preparing the soccer fields on Saturday, September 2.

5K Race

A date for the 5K race will be chosen at the Franklin Recreation planning meeting on September 5 after the soccer coaches meeting.

Little League Elections

Bridgette recapped the most recent NWLL meeting and provided the following details about the upcoming NWLL election. The NWLL board has chosen to hold elections for town representatives on Friday September 29, from 5-7:30. Elections for the Franklin representatives will take place at the Franklin Town Hall. Anyone interested in being on the ballot as a Franklin Representative must give their name to a current Franklin NWLL Representative (Corey Fregeau, Brady Giroux, Bridgette Favreau) or to Franklin Recreation by September 22. Any Franklin resident who is interested in being on the NWLL board can have their name put on the ballot. To vote for the representatives, one must be a parent or guardian of a 2017 Little League player, have volunteered as a coach for the 2017 season or have umpired several games during the 2017 season. Ballots will be counted for all NWLL towns in Highgate immediately following the vote. A notice about the election will be prepared by Bridgette and will be sent via email and submitted to the school newsletter.

Equipment Storage Options

Franklin Recreation is still researching options and zoning needs for building a storage shed. There was a discussion about building options and size needs. The desire to have another storage unit will be discussed with the Franklin School Board.

Fall Programming

Dates for fall programming such as a 5K race and a fall foliage bus tour will be chosen at the planning meeting.

Review Letters of Interest for New Board Members

No new letters of interest have been received since the last meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m..