

# ***Franklin Recreation Meeting February 27, 2017***

**Participants:** Bridgette Favreau, Brady Giroux, Bridget Thompson, Stephanie Ho, Annie Wagner

Bridget Thompson called meeting to order at 7:10.

Bridgette motioned to approve the meeting minutes from February 13 and 20. Brady seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasurer reported that the 50/50 Raffle Winner donated her winnings back to Franklin Recreation, bringing the Winter Carnival total income to \$199. Grizzly Graphix was paid this week, and Town Clerk was given all the Little League funds to deposit. Six families used the Family discount, which would have brought in \$200 more. One family has not paid yet, and has been contacted. Bridget motioned to approve this report. Brady seconded. The motion passed.

## **Public Comment**

Jes Alexant has skis that he would like to donate to the Franklin Recreation Department. Discussion about where to store the skis and if a storage shed should be built in the near future. Perhaps local Career Centers would like to help with this project. Brady will contact Cold Hollow Career Center as a starting point.

Kathy and Shawn Rouleau have been planning their summer camp and are close to determining a price. They are wondering if Franklin Recreation can donate to help keep prices low. This will be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

The Haston Library is having a game day on March 4 and is looking into offering a Barn Quilt painting session.

Discussion about advertising other summer camps in the area.

## **Winter Carnival**

Stephanie added more pictures to the Facebook pages. Bridget ordered thank you cards. An email list of addresses provided at the Winter Carnival is nearing completion.

## **Little League**

Discussion about first aid kits. The Little League website provides a suggested list of first aid kit materials. Annie and Bridgette will inventory current supplies and order what is needed. The Safety plan provided by Northwest Little League (NWLL) will be in the kits, and a copy will also be in the shed.

To date, 90 kids have registered for Little League in Franklin. There are 24 T-ball aged kids (preschool - kindergarten), 8 for Girls Farm, 14 for Boys Farm, 12 for Girls Minors, 10 for Boys Minors, 11 for Girls Majors, and 12 for Boys Majors.

Brady provided information from the NWLL Board Meeting on 2/26.

Discussion about recruiting coaches and umpires. NWLL is hosting a coaches meeting on March 13, all people who volunteered to coach or help out this season will be notified and asked to attend.

The Little League website has a parent code of conduct. This will be handed out by coaches at practices and parents will be asked to sign.

Discussion about evaluating players for team placement. There is no need for evaluations in Franklin due to current team sizes. There is the possibility of merging some teams with Highgate because they have low numbers for Girls Farm, boys Majors and boys Minors. Swanton will organize their t-ball players into t-ball 1 and t-ball 2 based on age and skill levels. Franklin will do the same. T-ball 1 will be for preschool and pre-k aged children. T-ball 2 will be for kindergarteners.

From NWLL: The t-ball field size is a 50ft base path. The t-ball season should start in mid-May. T-ball teams will consist of 6-8 players. Major and Minor teams will have 14-16 games scheduled, which will begin at the end of April. NWLL needs to know the number of teams Franklin will have by March 7. The charter money is due mid March. Official rosters are due to NWLL by June 1. Anyone who is volunteering to help with anything will need to have a background check completed; the background check information goes to Swanton Recreation. NWLL will host season kickoff event on April 28th and a Pitch, Hit and Run Fundraiser on April 30.

Discussion about a clinic for Franklin Minor and Major teams. Details will be announced in the near future.

## **Sponsorship**

Discussion about printing a program with game schedules that would include a list of sponsors. Going forward sponsors will be for Franklin Recreation not just Little League, and different sponsorship levels will be available. Franklin Recreation is currently collecting data on what other Recreation Departments charge for sponsorship.

### **Town Meeting Preparation**

Research on Recreation Departments in neighboring towns is underway. Bridget is creating a slideshow with pictures from the Winter Carnival to have running at Town Meeting. A job description for the Recreation Director will be available for review at Town Meeting. Surveys will also be out for residents to provide information about what activities they would like Franklin Recreation to offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10.