

Franklin Recreation Meeting May 22, 2017

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

Bridget Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Bridgette motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 15. Nicole seconded. The motion passed.

There were no updates to the Treasurer's Report. Bridget motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Nicole seconded. The motion passed.

Public Comment

None.

Recreation Director Job

The Recreation Director Job has been posted by the town, and will be posted on the Franklin Recreation Facebook page. The job will not be immediately advertised in the Messenger.

Memorial Day Parade

Franklin Recreation will have a float in the Memorial Day Parade. Stephanie will ask Maureen if she would like to represent Franklin Recreation in the parade. Brenna will be notified.

Summer Programming

Insurance: Bridget debriefed about the meeting with Vicky from VLCT and the available options. Camp operators could be considered sub-contractors, but they would not have liability insurance, the town/Franklin Recreation would be charged an exposure fee to provide workman's compensation. Alternately, camp operators could be added to the town's payroll and have liability insurance and workman's compensation. Bridget will summarize and present to the selectboard in June. At this point the path forward will be discussed and decided.

Camps: More details will be discussed after insurance path forward has been decided.

Bus Trips: Dates need to be coordinated with M&C Transport.

Community Event: The date has been changed to July 29. The event will have live music. There will be a pizza oven making pizzas; community members will be asked to bring a potluck salad or dessert. Kathy Rouleau will make brochure. Franklin Recreation could order a banner and will plan an activity. Discussion about other needs - port-o-let, tent(s), picnic tables, etc.

Soccer

Highgate has reached out about scheduling games for the 5/6 team. Discussion about when to have sign ups. A notice will be sent home in June asking parents to notify Franklin Recreation if their child is interested in playing soccer.

Publicity

The Reader's Digest Nicest Place in America contest is due by May 31. Not sure anyone has the time to complete this application.

Bridget will contact Ruthie Laroche about the Messenger article.

Sponsorship/Fundraising

Banners are complete and will be displayed at the field by the weekend. McCuins has agreed to sponsor Franklin Recreation. Franklin Recreation has decided not to sell snacks at ball games on May 27. Franklin Little League players will have the opportunity to sell tickets to a Lake Monster's Game as a fundraiser for Franklin Little League. Every child who sells a ticket will receive a free ticket to the game and be able to go out on the field at the beginning of the game.

Little League

Brady gave update on the May 21 NWLL meeting. Dave Tatro resigned from the NWLL board. The NWLL board has asked Franklin Recreation to appoint someone to fill this vacancy until elections in September. Bridget nominated Bridgette Favreau. Stephanie seconded the nominations. All agreed. Discussion about NWLL bylaws and the election for Franklin Representatives in September.

All Star Tournament Dates and eligibility were discussed. Mike Bessette will send out details to all of NWLL.

Discussion about the Little League chain of command and how issues that arise within Franklin Little League should be addressed by the NWLL Franklin Representatives and Franklin

Recreation before being brought to the entire NWLL board. A clear chain of command needs to be created and posted for next season.

Discussion about ages of players on teams within NWLL. There doesn't appear to be consistency between NWLL towns..

Franklin Recreation will be hosting a Little League Challenge as an end of season event on June 11. There will be hitting, running and throwing competitions for all the kids. Players will get sponsors to participate. All players with at least one sponsor will receive a creemee coupon. The player with the highest score at each level will receive a prize, and the player who earns the most in sponsors will earn a prize. Franklin Recreation will provide a BBQ lunch. There will also be a homerun derby. Attendees will be asked to bring a side or dessert. Information will be sent home through school this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40