

# ***Franklin Recreation Meeting September 27, 2016***

## ***(draft)***

**Participants:** Bridget Thompson, Stephanie Ho, Bridgette Favreau, Nicole Tatro, Brady Giroux, Marilyn Hackett

Bridget Thompson called meeting to order at 7:07

Bridgette motioned to approve meeting minutes from September 12. Bridget seconded. The motion passed.

Bridget shared the treasurer's report, speaking about the money from Little League. Bridgette motioned to accept. Stephanie seconded. The motion passed.

### **Welcome new Recreation Board Members and Appoint Advisory Board Members**

Welcome the newest Franklin Recreation Board Members Nicki and Brady.

Discussion of creating an advisory board consisting of Annie Wagner, Dawn Fournier, Sam Gervais, Hugh Gate, Peter Benevento, and Jes Alexant.

Stephanie motioned to create an Advisory Board consisting of these six people. Bridget seconded. The motion passed.

Bridget will draft memo by Monday to the advisory board. The board will review and send by email by the end of next week.

Discussion about future potential Advisory Boards. Topics mentioned included soccer, basketball, Little League, and new activities.

Mary Beth Barnum has experience with Swanton Recreation as the Treasurer and offered to Stephanie to help with setting up any similar functions.

Vanka Menard has experience fundraising at MVU and offered to Nicki to help with fundraising.

The Town of Franklin Selectboard invited the Franklin Recreation Board to go to a meeting in November when they are discussing the 2017 budget.

Bridget, Bridgette and Stephanie shared information gathered during previous discussions with other local Recreation Board members

Discussion of the funds that are labeled Recreation and Activities and if it is appropriate to be allocated into our rec department. More information about these funds and how they are intended to be used is needed. This will be further examined in the future.

Marilyn Hackett introduced herself and said she'd help lay out a cross country ski trail and may have skis to donate.

## **Preparation for Little League Election**

Little League elections tomorrow. All Board members agree that it would be beneficial to have a member of the Franklin Recreation Board to be on the ballot.

Discussion on role of Northwest Little League (NLL) Board members. Brady shared information on the role since he is currently a NLL Board Member.

Bridgette will send email reminder about the election..

Bridget received the ballot from Pattijo Walker and will print 100 ballots tomorrow. Need sign in sheet and box to collect ballots

Discussion about confusion between who coordinates the local Little League season and the role of the NLL Board. Marilyn suggested that changing titles could help clear things up. Spokesperson, scheduler, etc.

## **Plan for Future Meetings**

The Board has decided to hold weekly meetings on Mondays at 7pm at the Franklin Central School. There will be no meeting on Halloween, and there will be no more than one meeting per week. If the Board attends a Town of Franklin Selectboard meeting one week, they will not hold a meeting on Monday of that week.

Discussion about planning for a Franklin Recreation Presentation at Town meeting. Bridget suggested a survey for how many parents send kids out of town for sports. Brady suggested that we include participation percentages in school sports.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephanie Ho