

## Minutes for Rec Department

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:30pm, Rec Fields

Attendees: Ryan R., Melissa O., Karen Hatch, Karen Howard, Kris S.

Minutes from last week approved, going forward secretary needs to keep in draft form until next meeting to approve prior to posting to the public.

### Baseball

-Kris says baseball is going good, kids are playing, coaches are coaching, and fields are being maintained.

-Clean-up day review, next year's clean-up day we are looking to have two days. One for the spring cleaning of general field items, get equipment out and minor touch ups. The other day will be just for dirt work on fields with tractors. We would like to have a timeslot for committee members so everyone knows when we will be available on those days. Rakes and shovels are no longer valuable for time, we are better off just using our tractors. Ryan suggested we ask Kennebec work release program to see if they could send over some helpers for both days.

-Maintenance, coaches need to have a list in their binders for what needs to be done after each use. Rake the fields, clean out dugouts of items/trash left behind. Nick from the church league has agreed to burn the softball field. He is working with Karen Hatch to schedule.

-Trash pickup, George has let the town know he wishes to be compensated for trash pickup or suggested we have public works do it. Karen will get with Aaron Miller to determine who will do it going forward and if they would go around the fields and collect the trash from bins as well. As of right now it is the committee members' responsibility to check on cans and remove full bags when found.

### -Sponsorship

-Karen Howard was able to bring in \$2,825 gross for signs this season. Team sponsorships grossed \$4,000. Karen Howard will get these numbers on a spreadsheet and share with Hatch to get onto our drive. Currently all moneys go into baseball account. Most of what softball needs is provided by Caysa, if there are needs for softball, baseball money can be used since softball does not receive anything from sponsorships.

### -Speed at field

-There have been some drivers going faster than it is safe to during practices and games. Karen Hatch has asked Gene for speed limit signs. Gene mentioned his signs are \$75 each, we may be able to get them cheaper elsewhere. Hatch is going to be priced out Amazon and Got Vinyl for best options. The committee agreed to a 5-mph limit and to put up two signs, one by the gate and one up before the corner. Melissa mentioned the gate is no longer able to stay fully open, Hatch will see what can be done and request the town garage fix cables if need be so it doesn't swing in the wind.

### -Soccer

-Moneys will be rolled over each year as before, Hatch got that figured out with Aaron so there is no real rush on getting purchases done this fiscal year. Melissa found cheaper nets and realized she needs two sets of 18 not one. She also realized she can get stakes for the flags and save some money for those complete sets. She will be ordering in June and getting flyers electronically to Hatch in the next week to

have distributed to the VCS. Melissa will get the flyer approved by the superintendent prior to sending it to Hatch for distribution.

-MRPA

-Fun town/Splashtown, York Zoo, Aquaboggin tickets are being sold and over 500 inquiries have come through to Hatch!! They will be able to be picked up on June 14<sup>th</sup> and Brian will help distribute at the library along with the town office. We do make some money from the sales, if we sell enough, we will receive a \$100 worth of free tickets, we can determine if we wish to sell or raffle that off in the future.

-Bi-Laws

-Hatch presented new bi-laws and her job description to help us all understand the new process of things. She will be attending Thursday's town meeting to discuss with the town manager and select board members. She is moving toward a advisory board rather than committee format. The current job description has her doing most of the roles. This needs to be discussed at the town meeting to clarify to the town these roles are what members do and previous directors filled in gaps while overseeing all these activities.

-Misc

-Ryan asked about a schedule for the pitching machine so softball could make use of it. Kris said that it is being used by baseball Mon, Wed, and Fri. Parts for softball conversion are upstairs, setup takes two people. Next year Kris would like to purchase a new machine as this one is very heavy and starting to have rubber rot and a broken wheel.

-Brian S. has become busy and has decided to leave the committee.

Next meeting, we will not have the next meeting per usual second Monday due to Baseball season, we will schedule meeting for mid-June when we know the official end of season date.