

12/19/2023

Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission
December 5, 2023 Minutes-6:30pm
4th Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Committee Members Present: Tiffany Newton (Recreation Coordinator), Andrew Beauvais (Vice Chair), Emily Bradley, Debra Kane, Melanie Franklin, Debra Bradley(Chair), Dawn Higgins

Absent Members: Gabe Beauvais, Emily Croteau, Dylan Romanowski
Non- Members:

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

New Member Interest:
None

Recreation Coordinator Updates

Festival of Lights Recap

- This series of events was extremely well attended and well received.
 - Hundreds came to the craft fair
 - All the cookie crawl tickets were given out and they were extremely well received by attendees and participating locations
 - Winter Wonderland was great- suggestion to move it to GAR Park so less jumping around
 - The tree lighting had approx.. 150 attendees!
 - We did have an overall loss of \$64.17 but this was not intended to be a money maker event

Fundraisers

- Letters to Santa kits- profit of \$139.08 with 6 mugs left
- Grinch keys-profit of \$45
- 12 Days of Christmas- only 5 sign ups (\$25) but not enough to hold it
 - We are extending sign ups and delaying the start until Dec 11th to see if we can get enough interest.

Old Business

Eventeny Software

- We have finally gone live and done onboarding. We can also accept all electronic payments.

Member Initiatives

- Dawn
 - New auditions for additional roles will be held on Jan 6th and Jan 10th at the Library
 - They are looking to hold a fairy tea party as a fundraiser in January or February
- Dylan
 - Not present so table until next meeting
- Melanie
 - Idea is to somehow use our events to connect people
 - Maybe have a connection table at our events
 - Suggested maybe for her to take on the national night out

New Business:

Pizza Crawl

- No locations have agreed to participate yet
- Suggestion to maybe offer them something more if they win
 - Official WCP Amphitheater Pizza place, or additional advertising, free swag.

Trail Maintenance

- We have officially hired Bobby Curley of the NQTA to do 2 phases of glossy buckthorn removal- this started on Monday
- We are in the process of collaborating with the NQTA, Cathedral of the Pines and a few other locations to build a collaborative for trail maintenance and a mapping initiative
- Andrew asked about cleaning up the bridges and areas that could use some beautification and that is under our umbrella.
 - Suggested to jump on the town wide clean-up day that BOH puts on in April/May and then from there start a monthly group that will take care of trails and areas- Possibly a cook out after at the park?

Minutes

- Deb B made a motion to accept the minutes from November 21, 2023 as presented. Deb K 2nd
Debra B (Y) Dawn (A) Debra K (Y) Emily B (Y) Andrew (A) Emily C () Dylan () Gabe () Melanie (Y)

Financials

Monthly Financials

- Notes to change the date range from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024
- Would like Rec account at the beginning of sheet
- Combine parent name in one cell and merge balance columns
- Look into GAR monies from renovations

Grant Updates

- We did not receive any grants from Westminster or Ashburnham per usual.
- We did receive \$1000 from Athol Cultural Council for the Ren Faire

Input on FY 25 budget

- We need to budget for trail maintenance in our regularly allotted budget.

Other Business

Committee Comments or Feedback

- None

Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Melanie made a motion to adjourn and Dawn 2nd

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Approved:

