

Bethel Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:31p.m.
- B. In attendance were Allison Hull, Abbie Sherman, Corey Stearns, Fran Staples and Ele Griffin.
- C. B.U. Skateboard workshop: Weather looks good for Saturday's skateboard workshop. There are 5 children registered. Others could possibly show up without registering.
- D. Programs for the pool this summer: Carrie McDonnell, the new Director of E.x.C.E.L. came to our meeting of March 9th. She explained that the program is making changes. They will not be able to bring children over at various times in the morning to do their swimming lessons. Upon much discussion at our March 9th meeting, it was thought that maybe we could have them come over for swimming lessons from noon to 2p.m. They would pay \$30 a child. We told Carrie that we had to meet with Allison and Abbie to get their thoughts. Allison and Abbie meet with the recreation committee March 23rd and expressed several reasons why Carrie's proposal would not work. One reason is that at noon it is Free Swim time. People come from G. W. Plastics on their lunch hour to swim. Corey asked, "How many people do not buy Family passes, but just come from off the street to swim at any time during the day?" Allison gave Corey the figure of 30 to 40. Allison also mentioned that with swimming lessons in the morning and from 5 to 6 that it was important to keep the Free swim time from noon to 5 and from 6 to 8. Thus the answer to Carrie's proposal has to be NO. E.x.C.E.L. is also interested in having 6 visits for free swim bringing 20 children at a time. There was discussion concerning what was charged in the past. Since we had charged \$600 for 4 days a week and over 40 children, \$200 is an acceptable charge for 6 visits. Abbie said that she would put Recreation committee on the agenda for the Selectboard's March 28th meeting. Last year's Adult Activity nights were not successful. The committee discussed a number of activities that have been successful at the pool. It was agreed that such successful activities such as Ice Cream Social, Float Night, Wiffle Ball in the pool, Capture the Flag, etc. would continue happening at the pool.
- E. Other business: Randolph is putting together an Activity Guide for the summer. Deadline is for items to be submitted is the 1st week of April. Abbie volunteered to put that together. Celebration of the new pool house could be sometime mid June. Abbie asked the Fire Department to do their Chicken BQ. No word yet. A suggestion was to have pulled pork like that which was served at Open House last year. Another

suggestion was to have big gallon containers of water and maybe some Ben and Jerry ice cream.

Abbie announced that she took the Certified Pool Operator training and is now certified. Interviewing for Assistant Director position and a part time Lifeguard will be set up for the first part of April.

- F. More other business: Abbie discussed the Markle Foundation award and talked about why we could not apply for it.
- G. Minutes of the March 9th meeting were approved
- H. Our next meeting will be April 13th.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Ele Griffin