

Meeting Minutes

Bethel Recreation Committee

Monday, February 6, 2012

A) Call to order 5:00 PM

The group called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, Monday, February 6, 2012 in the Whitcomb High School P.E. conference room in Bethel, VT

B) Roll call

In attendance: Felicia Dieffenbach; Elenor Griffin; Dulce Ricciardelli-O'Hare; Dana Anderson, and Frances Staples

C) Approval of minutes from last meeting

A copy of the draft minutes from Sunday, January 8, 2012 was not available; they will be approved at the next meeting

D) Open issues

1. Committee recruitment: Dana Anderson was asked to formally join the committee and accepted. This request will be brought to the select board.
2. Personnel recruitment: Discussion of the role and responsibilities of the recreation director was held; Suggestion to add recreation director position to the weekly VRPA emails was given; committee members with connect with Abbie Sherman to see results of February mailing to past employees; the committee discussed areas of need including: swim team coach (s); water aerobics instructors and WSI certified swim instructors. A suggestion to hold a lifeguard-training course at the pool in early summer was made. This type of course may draw local youth, who could later be employed as lifeguards and instructors.
3. Update Published materials: The committee will ask Abbie Sherman to send previously used documents and this item was tabled for the next meeting.
4. Set dates for recreation center events: Dana Anderson requested that the Excel Camp visit the Recreation Center July 2 – August 10, 2012 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She suggested that Rochester and Stockbridge summer programs would also like to send students for lessons or open swimming this year. They would be charged a per diem rate in line with last year's prices of \$4/child. Setting dates for other summer events was tabled for future meetings.
5. Master plan funding: The select board placed \$5,000 in the Recreation Center Fund in this year's town budget. The Committee had requested \$11,000 to complete a master plan project with Steve Durkee, of Killington, VT. The remaining funds needed for the project can be acquired through state and federal grants. Ongoing conversation is tabled until our next meeting that will occur after Town Meeting.

E) New business

None.

F) Set next meeting time, date, and location: Monday, March 12, 2012 at 4:30 PM at the Whitcomb High School P.E. conference room.

G) Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Dulce Ricciardelli-O'Hare