

Bethel Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. in the Whitcomb High School conference room.
- B. In attendance were Dietre Feeney, Corey Stearns, Fran Staples, Abbe Sherman, Keith Arlund, Ele Griffin, Carrie McDonnell, Sean Judge, and Michael Epchook.
- C. Pool Issues: The group discussed pool sign-ups and a new idea that pool sign-ups could be done by having families sign-up online using the Town Website. Questions arose about future interviewing of pool staff candidates and the importance of references, and how recommendations from the committee would be received. Keith agreed to have a more two-way conversation with the committee during the interviewing process. Next the group discussed qualifications of staff such as a minimum of 4 years of experience for Pool Director. Administration feels that would help provide maturity to a candidate. Ele asked about CPO certification. Abbe is going to take that training since it is a very expensive training to expect a seasonal only person to take. The group also talked about how important safety at the pool is and that it is so important to make sure that staff has all the important Red Cross Certifications. It was recommended that copies of certification be not only at the Town Office, but on file at the pool. Further discussion on Job Descriptions for pool staff concluded that Dietre would organize Committee member suggestions into one proposal. She will get the final proposal to Abbe before she submits the Ad to the Herald on Tuesday for the Assistant Pool Director position.
- D. Reopening of the Pool: The group had a discussion on how nice for the town to have a Formal Celebration on the new pool house and the pool season. It was suggested that it could possibly be held Saturday, June 18th at 1p.m. Other suggestions included a bouncy house and a chicken barbeque provided by the Fire Department. To see what children would like to do that day, there could be an informal preorganization meeting with the pool staff. Abbe also mentioned that the White River Valley Chamber of Commerce is thinking about having a Festival August 6th and may possibly hold it at the Recreation Center.
- E. Herald Summer Activity Guide: The Randolph Herald and the Randolph Recreation Department are coordinating a Summer Activity Guide. It may be printed in May. We have been asked if we want to put anything in it. We could put how Bethel is doing online pool sign-ups and information about the celebration of the pool opening.
- F. B.U. Skateboard Workshop: Weather so far looks good for doing the skateboarding outside in the parking lot. Though only 1 person is signed up so far, there is time for kids to register. Sean and Michael talked about how things are going in preparation. Sean wants to make sure that there is an injury waver form. Michael has a friend that will donate his Art work. It was suggested that his donation could possibly be a part of a raffle at the Pool Opening Celebration. The ramps etc. will be set up about 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 26th.

- G. Ex.C.E.L. program: Carrie McDonnell is the new Director. She came to work out the summer program at the pool. Usually the ExCEL children come to the pool for free swim. However, Carrie presented an idea that the children have swim lessons for 2 weeks at the pool. Upon much discussion, it was figured out that possibly the children could have lessons from Noon to 2pm. form June 27th to July 8th. They would pay the \$30 lesson fee for each child. For free swim ExCEL would bring 20 children 2 days a week. Carrie will talk this proposal over with Bill Bonsignore and send the complete proposal to Ele in an e-mail. She will then pass it on to Administration to see if it would be possible
- H. Minutes of February meeting were approved.
- I. The committee felt it needed an extra meeting in March. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Ele Griffin