

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 6, 2023

3:00, Zoom

Meeting begun: 3:14

Present: Barbara Bigelow, Christine Marglin, Elaine Puleo, BZ Reily, Christine Robinson

Absent: Ann Brigham

Visitor: Mary Anne Antonellis

Approval of minutes from Oct 27 meeting

Agenda:

1. Purchasing ice skates
2. Providing support for the fitness classes

Mary Ann speaks about the fitness classes. The library is offering four free fitness classes per week, yoga, strength training, fitness. Totalling about \$12,000 per year. Council on Aging offers some support, which is much in demand. Not everyone can afford to pay for classes, and library services should be free to all. Do we have any extra money in our budget to chip in for one or more classes? She would like \$1500 of our budget this year.

We have some extra money. We have field day, a frisbee event, a farm day, the invasive plants workshop. We need to figure out how much of our budget we could offer for the classes.

Ice Skates: Christine and Elaine suggest supporting the purchase of skates for children in town, not based upon need. The funds would ideally go through Mr. Carra for elementary school children. Perhaps \$25 per child. One pair per family. We will offer the funds for ten children total. Road Town News would announce this, and say first come first served, asking the families to consider need, Mr. Carra would hand out vouchers families would take to the skate center. The center would let us know when vouchers were used and we would reimburse them.

We will likely have the \$1500 Ann Mary is asking for.

Meeting adjourned: 3:39

Next meeting: TBD, Elaine will send out a Doodle poll.