

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

4:00, Zoom

Meeting begun: 4:01

Present: Barbara Bigelow, Ann Brigham, Christine Marglin (taking minutes), Elaine Puleo, BZ Reily, Christine Robinson

Approval of minutes from Jan 24 meeting

Agenda:

1. Update on skate vouchers (Christine R. and Elaine)
2. Confirm/determine dates for events and update activities
 - a. Tentative dates:
 - i. Family Field Day, Saturday, June 10
 - ii. Ancient Pony Farms, Saturday, May 27
 1. Barbara wrote to Zoe asking for a date and this is what she suggested
 - iii. Brian Colleran (update Barbara)
 - iv. Leverett Animal Sanctuary (update Christine M.)
3. New members?
 - a. Many of the programs we are planning are for younger children and their families.
 - b. If we do, are there suggestions about who to ask?
4. Budget
 - a. If we have additional money how should it be spent
5. Pickleball is now being offered at SES on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is not run through the Rec Committee. There is interest in having an outdoor pickleball court. This would be eligible for a CPA grant.
 - a. What type of oversight would be required (i.e., managing court use; maintenance)
 - b. Does the Rec Committee want to consider applying for a grant?
 - i. Cost for one outdoor pickleball court is \$25,000. The biggest parts of the cost are:
 1. Prepping, framing and pouring the pad
 2. Chain link fence or “functional landscaping”

Update on skate vouchers: Christine R spoke to Steve Carra, all vouchers taken but one, none have yet been used at store. Can Steve give last one to a needy family? Yes. Hopefully they will be used in the time allotted. Maybe Steve could follow up with families, reminding them the time frame to use vouchers. Christine R will talk with him. We can check in about it next month.

Confirming dates for events:

April 15 at noon for Leverett animal sanctuary. Using Rec Committee email, email blast for Evite. Our email address: recreation@shutesbury.org

Zoe suggested May 27, Saturday of Memorial Day weekend for visit to Ancient Ponies Farm.

Invasive plants workshop date hasn't yet been set, in progress for late spring/early summer.

(Town Meeting is June 3.)

Family Field Day is June 10, 10 am.

Budget:

If the money budgeted for skate vouchers isn't all used, we can designate another use for it, such as the family fun day.

Membership:

Younger people to invite to join committee might include Brian Giggey. Mary Ann might have ideas, knowing more younger people with young families. The first step is to ask the select board for 3 more slots, then invite others when we get them approved. Particularly when we begin the community garden it would be good to have more members.

Pickleball:

Though not an official committee activity, Barbara and Brian have been running it, Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. It has been a big job with some bumps, but is very popular and successful and working well now. Brian and Barbara each cover one session per week. Next season, Barbara will look for someone to replace her. Brian is interested in getting funding for an outdoor court, which would run around \$25,000.

Barbara will send out email blast for animal sanctuary visit.

Christine R will work on vouchers.

Barbara will be in touch with invasive plant Brian and Pickleball Brian, and select board re membership.

BZ will help with Ancient Ponies event.

Meeting adjourned: 4:40

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 4 pm