

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday,
March 25, 2025
4:00, Zoom
Meeting begun: 4:07

Present: Barbara Bigelow & Sam Spisiak, cochairs, Ann
Brigham (taking minutes), Darwin Michener-Rutledge,
Christine Robinson

Absent: Christine Marglin, Elaine Puleo, BZ Reily

Minutes from February meeting approved

Agenda:

1. Finalize programming for FY 2025

a. Stitching Group

- Last gathering was very fun.
- Barbara and Sam now have a key for the town hall but need a code; will fill out form to get one but town hall is out of them. Barbara and Sam will follow up.
- Will continue to meet every other Sunday and move to an outdoor location when weather is nicer.

b. Go Fly a Kite Event, Sunday, 4/27 @11am

- Sam is organizing. Will co-sponsor with library; Mary Anne will publicize.
- Committee unanimously approved purchase of 50 kites from Etsy for \$58.
- Orchard visit, Sunday, 5/4

c. Orchard Workshop, Date TBA

- Christine Marglin's husband will lead workshop at his orchard; discuss pruning, starting an orchard, etc. Honorarium of \$100.

d. Youth soccer, Sundays 5/4-6/6, 9-10am

- Sam put in request to use school site. Two parents will help facilitate.

e. Bike repair and tune-up workshop, Sunday, 5/18, 9am-11am at the school

- Sam has 1 person committed to repairing/tuning up bikes and another person (Stu) has agreed to lead a short ride.

- Sam will contact Elaine to find third person to lead workshop.

- \$300 for honoraria plus committee unanimously approved \$100 for Andy to purchase supplies.

f. Shutesbury Open Studios, Sunday, 6/29

- Committee unanimously approved \$100 for marketing

2. Finalize budget for FY 2025

Balance remaining for FY 2025 (fiscal year ends June 30):

980.95

Cost of above events: 658.00

Balance as of 3/25: 322.95

- Options: Increase honoraria or add events. If we add events, we need to determine who would be willing to organize each event.

- Committee unanimously decided to support Rocks of the Area walk and Bright Water Bog spring walk. For Rocks walk, Barbara will get contact info for Al Warner from Elaine. For Bright Water Bog spring walk, Barbara will contact Graeme and Helen Ann Sephton and confirm a date in May. Ann and Darwin will support or co-organize one or both events as needed.

- Bird walk was moved to the fall.
- Sam will contact someone interested in offering a workshop on processing meat birds.
- Committee unanimously agreed to decide what honoraria to offer for these new events at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4.30pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025.