

Town of Winchendon
Winchendon Parks and Recreation Commission
February 6, 2024 Minutes-6:30pm
4th Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

2/20/24
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Committee Members Present: Tiffany Newton (Recreation Coordinator), Andrew Beauvais (Vice Chair), Melanie Franklin, Debra Bradley (Chair), Debra Kane, Dawn Higgins, Emily Bradley-Entered at 6:52pm

Absent Members: Gabe Beauvais, Emily Croteau, Dylan Romanowski

Non- Members: Richard Fahey, Rajuli Fahey, Kate Saab, David Garry, Chelsea Patriss, Frank Walker.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

New Member Interest:

None

Dawn motioned to take the Old Buisness-Ren Faire Update out of order. Deb K 2nd the motion.

Debra B (Y) Dawn (Y) Debra K (Y) Emily B () Andrew (Y) Emily C () Dylan ()
Gabe () Melanie (Y)

Old Business

Ren Faire Update

- Dawn introduced Richard and Rajuli and had them give the update for the Renaissance Faire as members of the planning committee
- Richard started by handing out some papers and listing his and Rajuli's credentials
- The discussed how they have held 3 rounds of auditions that drew many people and they were able to fill all the roles-approx. 50 people.
- Richard and Rajuli both went on to express their concerns and disapproval of the faire moving from 2 days down to 1 day.
- They brought a financial sheet with estimated numbers to try to show the needed revenue to hold 2 days.
- After presentation the board discussed what it would realistically take to make this feasible for 2 days.
- Question of volunteers and Tiffany said they can sign in to Eventeny and volunteer for many different events with us.

Recreation Coordinator Updates

Snowman Building Contest

- We held this contest and had 18 participants
- The winner was announced as #4 Annika who received a family ticket to family Olympics this summer

Murder Mystery Dinner

- We are all set for March 9th as our new date and have sold an additional 15 tickets.
- Deb will volunteer and Melanie will check if she can volunteer too!

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Adult Easter Egg Hunt

- We are partnering with the snowbound club and hosting this on March 15th at 7pm
- We discussed music and planned to just have music playing vs a band or DJ

Annual Egg Hunt

- We are planning Egg Filling at the Senior Center on February 27th at 3:30pm
- Melanie has spoken with the church and they would like to help fill eggs again and even donate more eggs to us.
- There was a concern with the size of the bags used at the egg hunt and a question of how to rectify that.

Bingo

- First night Feb 15th at 6pm. We will play 11 games with a suggested donation of \$12 for all games.
- Deb K volunteered to help and Melanie and Andrew are a maybe

Moonlit Hikes

- Deb K will lead the hike in February and March
- Tiffany will lead the hike in April
- Deb K will get glow tape to tape the trees so they can be seen at night.
- Melanie is happy to assist but not lead.

Holiday Banners

- These will be ordered before the next meeting.
- We currently have 10 sponsors.

Old Business

Movie Night Poll

- Top 5 movies in preference order
 - Shrek
 - Jumanji-the original
 - Moana
 - Wonka
 - Barbie

New Business:

Review Summer Brochure

- An incomplete sample brochure was shown to the commission.
- Only comment is to make sure we add something about park rentals to the brochure

Volunteers for upcoming events

- We discussed volunteers for some of the upcoming events as they came up.
- We are still looking to sponsor a teen night and need volunteers to run the table
 - Preference for April due to the busy schedule in March
- Volunteers for most of our events can sign up on Eventeny under each event.

Minutes

- Melanie made a motion to accept the minutes from January 17, 2024 as presented. Andrew 2nd.

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Financials

Monthly Financials

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- No comments or questions

Other Business

Deb B

- Deb B asked to meet to remove garland on bridge sometime on Thursday. Agree to Thursday at 3pm

Melanie

- Update on her task list. Asking to do binders for each event.

Andrew

- Asked if there is a conflict with him volunteering if he is elected to BOS
 - There is no conflict to volunteer, you just cannot hold a seat.

Tiffany

- Note we skipped over membership at the beginning and I would like to let everyone know Gabe is resigning from our committee due to Andrew and his life changes of becoming foster parents.
- We have a potential rental for April 20th which we scheduled our Earth Day clean-up for.
 - Commission agreed we should move clean up to the 21st if the rental is finalized.

Adjourned 8:32 p.m.

Andrew made a motion to adjourn and Dawn 2nd

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Approved:

Dawn Higgins

Debra Kane

Melanie Frank

Andrew B.

Debra Bradley

Emily Bradley