

Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes
Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 5:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE: Peggy Coutu, Susan McLellan, Bruce Whitbeck, Ann Clark, Renee Davitt, Erin Fina

STAFF: Betsy Cieplicki,

PUBLIC: None

Meeting called to order by Chair, Peggy Coutu at 5:02 pm.

Minutes were approved as circulated for Meeting on Nov. 8, 2021.

Director's Report

Current Programming: We have most of our program continuing to run despite the high Covid case count. Tai Chi is taking a break until the case count goes down. However, the rest of adult programs are continuing with caution and fully masked including: Essentrics, Men's Basketball, Adult Volleyball, Table Tennis, Senior Walking. Youth Basketball has started and our numbers vary day to day and week to week with kids out and some games cancelled, but the games that can happen are continuing and kids are practicing, and are very happy to be playing! We start the first session of the After School Ski and Ride Program at Bolton on Jan. 19, and it will be the first time in 3 years they are taking the bus to Bolton again. We filled the bus, with a wait list, for both sessions, with over 100 kids participating! We also have been running the After School CrossFit Kids class, which is always a hit at the Field House. Another new session starts late in Jan.

Spring & Summer Programming: We are currently planning spring and summer offerings for kids and adults, and expect to have our normal level of programming options. The majority are outside at that time of year, and we look forward to a busy, fulfilling schedule. Summer camps will be announced in early Feb.

Office and General Updates: Winter Carnival was cancelled due to the number of people and varied organizations that would be gathered under one roof. We cancelled instead of postponing, due to the difficulty in rescheduling with the large number of volunteers, organizations, host site and Rec Dept. schedules. The Me & My Guy Dance will likely be postponed to later in March, but that is easy as we use our own facility and there is only one vendor to coordinate with. Date is TBA.

Special Event Planning

Me & My Guy Dance – The dance has been postponed to a later date in order to try to wait until COVID cases decrease. The Committee decided on the date of Friday, April 1st with a 2nd choice of March 25 if the DJ isn't available on April 1.

Back to the Beach – Discussion held on whether to hold the event on the traditional Tuesday, the week after school gets out, or move to a week later. Betsy suggested moving it later due to Selectboard meeting on the earlier date, and the way the calendar falls it is early in June and opening the beach will be a challenge enough the first week. Decision was made to move it a week later to June 21 and celebrate the beach on Summer Solstice. Entertainment was also discussed and Ann suggested the ride on game offered by the Big Blue Trunk.

Summer Concerts – The dates and locations for the summer concerts were confirmed. Bands, vendors, parking and other details were discussed for concerts at Shelburne Farms and the finale at Vermont Teddy Bear.

Beach House Project Update / Planning

Betsy gave an update on the fundraising total, which is \$27,773. With the confirmation of the project to be included as a separate article up for vote as a bond this March, our focus will shift from fundraising to public awareness. Discussion held on what the Committee can do to keep the project in the public eye and encourage voters to support it. Ideas included more info out on FPF, in Shelburne News, Constant Contact, being present at polls, etc. Betsy will follow up with sign up sheet and also get more info on guidelines from Diana.

Other Business - none

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.