

Draft Waterbury Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda for 2/8/17

Members present:

Absent: Tami Bass (on leave)

1. Note taker: _____ Time keeper: _____
Summarizer (Clarifies discussions/decisions): -5 min.

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda: -5 min.

A. Motion to Adopt:

B. 2ND:

C. Discussion:

D. Vote:

3. Adopt Meeting Minutes from January 11TH, 2017: -5 min.

A. Motion to Adopt:

B. 2ND:

C. Discussion:

D. Vote:

4. Recreation Director Report- Deb Fowler: -30 min.

- Updated Field & Facilities Fees Report

First I want to thank everyone for the support on the Field Fee meeting. I think it went very well and the feedback I have received from all the different leagues since the meeting shows it was very appreciated. I have made a few changes to the Fee's due to the outcome of the meeting. The biggest ones are: phasing in the Swim Team fees, the fees will start this year but a little lower so they can adjust better. I have added a resident/ nonresident fee for the day use activates and we are going to hold the Disc Golf fee at its present fee for a little while longer. Disc Golf does all the mowing, setting of baskets and buying baskets for the course. They agree that for tournaments, when they close the course, there should be a fee as this puts extra stress on the resources the Town provides, like parking, port-a-lets and bridge access to the course. I feel this is a good compromise for both the Town and the Disc Golf. The rest of the fees will be staying as proposed. All the leagues are volunteer leagues and do extra work on the fields they use but the Town does provide significant services to them and the Fees have not gone up, as you know, since the 90's.

Winterfest just finished up this past weekend, we were able to get ice back in place for this past Saturday for the broomball tournaments make up day. Overall I believe I was able to help out in providing the equipment, fields, facilities as well as ensuring that paperwork and insurance policies were sent the outside organizations that needed to have copies of them. Of the four activities that I ran all had modest turnout except for snowman making which did not attract at all.

I am working on my new computer system and the on-line registration system is moving along and should be launched next week. I am going to be having a table at Town Meeting day promoting the summer programs and showing the new online registration system. All summer programs will open that day for registration.

I received word from the Armory that we will be able to utilize a portion of their facility this summer for middle school day camp. We will be able to offer a 7-week program that people can sign up for each individual week. There will be a theme for each week of camp some of which will have special training or class work. The theme will be worked on in the morning and the afternoon will be for swimming, large group activities and games. So far, the weeks are as follows:

1. Junior lifeguard

2. Hiking, fishing, crafts
3. Robotic Arm Building
4. Tennis, field hockey, lacrosse
5. Cooking
6. Arcade game building
7. Willow and Wool crafts.

February camp will be going, we have 7 kids registered right now with requests coming in each day. Hoping to get to 10 but feel it is really important to get it running so that we can start getting the word out on these camps being available.

Heather and I will be attending Lifeguard training at the end of the month and already have two course book beyond the training for our staff. Stowe in particular is very excited about us being able to offer Lifeguard programs and is even including them in their summer guide book.

I am also glad to report that almost the entire summer day camp staff is coming back and so far, I have heard from a portion of the pool staff. I will be starting to advertise for staff this week.

Swim lessons, WSI and co-ed volleyball are all going great with positive feedback being received. I am really excited about sinking my teeth into summer programming and will be working hard to ensure success of the new Middle School Day camp as well as focusing on increase public use of our community pool.

5. Governance update: -5 min.

Where is it in the review acceptance process?

6. Upcoming Dates of interest: -5 min.

- Adult Co-ed Volleyball on Mondays 7:15-9:15 October to May. \$15 per season.
- See Recreation opportunities at: <https://www.waterburyvt.com/departments/recreation/> for full calendar of events.

7. Pending items: -5 min.

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8. New business and agenda items for next meeting on 3/8/17: -5 min.

Items to consider later;

- Concept of ability of town to accept donations
- Concept to have notes taken by objective third party, non Recreation Committee member

- Meeting officially adjourned at: PM