

Royalton Recreation Commission Meeting

June 26, 2023, 7:00pm

Members Present: Jim Hewitt, Kristen Cronen, Jessica Jones, Julia Abraham

Rec Director: Miriam Clark

Public: Alex Hansen, David Donahue

7:05pm - Call to order

- 1) Alex Hansen presents on Babe Ruth baseball for summer season.
 - a) Paul Brock will coach this year. They have 11 kids registered and a few more who will join, ages 12-17 years old from Royalton, Randolph, and Chelsea. Babe Ruth is technically for ages 12-15 years, but able to petition in older players. Jim suggests Alex check on any restrictions for the older players, e.g. are they allowed to pitch or not.
 - b) Splitting cost of insurance 3 ways between towns, \$459 for Royalton payment. Motion made to pay this amount, seconded, motion passes
 - c) Team needs uniforms, not enough left from the older batch of uniforms. We don't have money in the budget for this year, suggest we use Royalton Rec baseball uniforms that we just purchased if there are enough large enough sized shirts. Kristen will bring shirts to Babe Ruth practice this week so that team can find shirts that fit. Consider buying new uniforms next year.
- 2) Red Door Church Soccer Camp
 - a) Jessica is helping to organize, all set for camp. Last year they had 50-60 kids registered.
- 3) Summer Events
 - a) July 8 - Finding Nemo on the green.
 - i) Consider rain date, maybe July 21 when we were going to have another event that got canceled. Miriam to check with town about availability of green for that date.
 - ii) Miriam to email commission by end of the week with details about what time volunteers are needed and any other needs.
 - iii) Miriam to work with Rita to get town credit card to buy drinks, candy bars, other snacks for sale. We'll also sell popcorn.
 - b) August events
 - i) August 18 - Band performance sponsored by Lion's Club and maybe local business.
 - ii) August 26 - Toy Story movie on the green
 - iii) Miriam can't make our next meeting but will email commission prior to July 31 letting us know what is needed in terms of volunteer support for those events.
 - c) Julia to put events on calendar on town website
- 4) Transition issues
 - a) This is Jim Hewitt's final meeting, so we covered many housekeeping items that we'll need to be aware of moving forward.
 - b) Field maintenance

- i) Wayne Manning, town water commissioner. We tell him when soccer is over and water at Carpenter Field can be flushed and turned off for the winter
 - ii) Jeff Clayton - granite benches at Carpenter Field. Benches were moved as part of green up day to clean and reposition because some were falling apart. Jeff fixed some but then ran out of adhesive. Jim has adhesive and will fix the remaining benches.
 - iii) Hope Field - managed by town/school. Town handles mowing.
 - (1) Walter manages the town garden
 - c) Rec Equipment for basketball is stored at school
 - i) Basketballs and pinnies are in locked closet separate from school equipment
 - ii) Electric pump, small balls, scoreboard, and possession arrow are in different closet locked up
 - d) Volleyball pitch
 - i) First come first served, we don't deal with booking that. Volleyballs are stored in one of the dugouts above the hat rack
 - e) Ice Rink
 - i) All supplies are in the shed on Hope Field, ice rink liner and boards for edges, skates
 - ii) Commission wants to consider purchasing portable storage for skates next year to keep by the rink.
 - iii) We have a liner from last year since rink was never set up, but for future years we can get liners from: John Kerr (802-353-8478) or Wayne Kerr (802-439-5477). John has other Royaltown customers so might be more likely to be able to drop off on the green. Wayne will drop off in Chelsea.
 - f) Portable toilets
 - i) Nick Howe now runs the business we use, they invoice Rita for town to pay directly. We need to request delivery to Carpenter Field in April and then let them know when soccer is over so they can pick them up.
 - g) Sandwich boards and popcorn machine - we think they may be at Troy's house.
 - h) Rec Director - hours get submitted to Victoria who processes payroll for her.
 - i) School contact for NHS if we need their help/participation will be Sam Griffin (French teacher)
- 5) Rec Commission meeting schedule
- a) There has been some confusion if it is the fourth Monday of each month or the last Monday of each month. Consensus is to move to the last Monday of each month. Kristen to check with Victoria if it is okay to change this on the town website, then Julia will update town website.
 - b) Any meetings held off this schedule need to be warned by the town at least 24 hours in advance.
- 6) Summer field use for adult baseball/softball
- a) Softball teams are all set, they have completed field use form and paid the \$200 fee and \$50 deposit. They have combo for lock for bases and equipment.

Contacts are Melissa Ericson and Ariel Connelly. They will contact Rita directly for their deposit return at the end of the season.

- b) There is a baseball team scheduling games on the field without having completed form and paying fee. Miriam has reached out to contact for the men's league to tell them they need to do this before using the field.
 - c) Field use form needs to be updated with new fee (\$200) and deposit (\$50). Julia to update form and upload to town website.
 - d) Pickup soccer still happening, contact is Jordan Soncrant. We do not charge for pickup style use of fields, but those people would need to move off field if another group who had reserved it came to play.
 - e) In the past there has been a softball league that uses field for both league play and then a tournament. They should complete one field use form and pay fee for regular season, and a second/separate field use form and fee for tournament weekend.
- 7) Review budget
- a) Agree we need some assistance from Victoria to understand budget and consider budget request for next cycle. Kristen to contact Victoria to invite her to our next meeting.
- 8) Next meeting: July 31
- a) Agenda Items
 - i) Review budget with Victoria
 - ii) Review Rec Commission roles given resignation of Jim Hewitt (Chair), Stephanie Russ (Secretary), Troy Stratton (member)
 - iii) David Donahue plans to join commission, will submit letter to Victoria prior to next meeting.
- 9) Royalton Old Home Days - will be host cornhole tourney?
- a) Several members will not be able to attend. Julia to consider and decide in the next couple days so we can let organizers know.
- 10) Town offices access for meetings
- a) Jim has been opening office for our meetings. Gave keys to Kristen and showed us how to disarm alarm.