Lafayette Recreation Committee

**December 6, 2018—Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Cindy Berlack, Adam Boyer (5:39), Kim Cowles, John Hynes, Haley Ireland, Gordie Johnk (5:42), Kris Kappler, Meghan McPhaul

Absent: Launa Glover, Matt Kohler

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm

**Wobble Gobble**

* Still good numbers despite cold weather. Made a little less money. About 102 pre-registrants didn’t show. Bags cost a bit more than t-shirts; Kim is open to ideas for alternative swag item for next year.
* Report reviewed; proceeds split equally between Rec and Adaptive Sports. Kim reports that this split remains fair, does not recommend changing.

November meeting minutes reviewed, approved.

**Upcoming events**

Santa coming to library 12/17/18; Kris will facilitate arts and crafts prior to Santa’s arrival. No caroling this year, has not been very successful in years past.

**Pavilion**

* Construction moving along, frame going up. No further deviations from engineering plans.
* Kim picked up cupolas from Albany, NH.
* Floor has broom finish rather than polished finish, will discuss at a later date if we want it polished. Broom finish is better for fall prevention but aesthetically not as pleasing.
* Kim is going out every other day to monitor progress.
* Estimated finish date—per Thad, will be mostly done by 12/15/18.

**Rink**

* Kim working on getting rink up and running. She’s put water down but it hasn’t been cold enough to complete ice. Hope to have open for Christmas vacation, weather permitting.
* Kim got replacement kick board, will go up in spring.
* Long-range plans—improvement of warming hut. Kim would like to see it torn down with new construction to include public restrooms/warming hut; she’s drawn up plans in the past. Selectboard/town would have to be involved in that planning process. Kim has discussed with board in remote past. Will not happen in the near future as other town projects are taking precedence but it is on the list of long-range plans. Unclear how this project would be split between the town and Rec.

**Basketball**

* K-2
  + Coaches: Molly McLean and Garrett Ferguson
  + Practices start December 11.
  + 13 registrants
* 3-4
  + Coaches: Peter Gignac and Garrett Ferguson
  + Practices started November 26.
  + 12 registrants
  + Interested in tournaments, options include St. Johnsbury and Gorham.
* 5-6
  + Enough players to field two boys teams and one girls team.
  + Coaches: Tim Clough and Mike McKeever (boys). Crystal Hodgdon and Shelley Kohler (girls).
  + Practices going well.
  + Unfortunately limited teams from surrounding towns so game scheduling has been a challenge.
  + Interested in participating in Lisbon and Littleton tournaments.
* Committee again appreciates LAFter Care’s flexibility so MPR can be used for practices and games.

**Soccer**

* Meghan suggests offering separate boys and girls soccer teams for 5th & 6th grade, if numbers allow. Will revisit prior to soccer season.

**Town Report**

* Meghan and Kim will team up to write LRC’s annual report.

**Budget**

* All meetings went well. All selectboards are supportive, no surprises.
* All three boards will meet in January to review budget as a group.

**Expectations**

* Kim requests committee provide expectations for upcoming month.
* Website
  + Meghan suggests having newer events listed first.
  + Kim would like committee to review website, give suggestions.
* Gordie would like rink open as much as possible, weather permitting. Suggests setting up cross country skiing on Dow into Fox Hill (set tracks, promote, solar lights). Overseeing pavilion construction/update committee bi-weekly. Appreciates lights on bridge.
* Cindy would like promotion of projects/events that take advantage of local natural environment.
* Kim suggests meeting in July and August, committee agrees.
* Kim will now provide committee with a mid-month update via e-mail.
* Evaluations will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

**Daddy Daughter dance**

* Matt would like to see this happen again.
* Kim will reach out to Amber Lawton to coordinate. If Amber isn’t interested, Kim will reach out to others to see if there is interest in assisting with this event.

**Future projects**

* John would like more research into an online registration platform. Kim will look into logistics with Holly and auditors, may be able to use existing race registration platform.
* Kim would like to create a Trifecta/Triple Crown—create three-series event including Wobble Gobble, 4th of July 5k, and possibly an April Fool’s event/trail run?

**Agenda items for next month**

* Evaluations
* Online registration platform
* Trifecta/Triple Crown

Next meeting Thursday, January 3, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Haley Ireland December 18, 2018