Lafayette Recreation Committee

**June 6, 2019—Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Cindy Berlack, Adam Boyer, Kim Cowles, Haley Ireland, Gordie Johnk, Kris Kappler, Meghan McPhaul

Absent: Matt Koehler, Mike McKeever

Guests: Anne Cowles, Mary Grote, Dawn Steele,

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

May 2 and 23, 2019 minutes reviewed and approved.

**Baseball update**

* T-ball jamboree a great success—Littleton, Lincoln, Bethlehem, Lafayette.
* 8U—Wiffle ball game w/ parents to wrap up the season. Very good season despite rainy weather, able to get in several games.
* 10U didn’t have a team but was able to scrimmage with Lisbon several times.
* 12U—in playoffs.

**Pickleball**

* Being held on Monday nights from 5-7 pm. A lot of interest but minimal attendance due to weather, events, holidays.
* Most are beginners.
* If there is interest in playing at other times, contact Kim, she will help them get equipment.
* Borrowing nets from Profile; Kim has not had to purchase nets yet.

**Touch-a-Truck**

* Immediately after T-ball Jamboree.
* Lots of great equipment, especially from law enforcement; K9 demonstration.
* Kim suggests alternating events every other year. Touch-a-Truck could alternate w/ petting zoo or animal exhibit (Squam Lake, Meadowstone Farm)
* Approximately 500-600 participants. Not a money maker but a great community event that brings a lot of people and business to Franconia.

**Old Home Day**

* July 6, 2019
* Theme—NH Landmarks.
* Rec involvement—Firecracker 5K, Pirate magic show (no Tricky Dick this year, maybe next year), parade float, concert (Beatles tribute band), fireworks.

**Summer Program**

* Kris is leaving ☹ but will be doing staff training.
* There will be an experienced adult (Kim Cowles, Anne Cowles, Brent Detamore, Christine Parrot, Jillian Cahill) on site at all times.
* Kris, Kim, Anne are working on the schedule. No significant changes.
* Groups/counselors
  + Entering grades 1-2—Jillian Cahill (lead), Hannah Butterfield, Karleen Kennedy-Wright
  + Entering grades 3-4—Anabel Boyer, Noah Boyer, Everett Lewis
  + Entering grades 5-7—Sierra Price, Cole Hadlock
  + Adventure—Kim Cowles, Brent Detamore, Christine Parrot
  + Laney Hadlock is injured, will be on crutches and is NWB but will be a critical, experienced counselor that will be on site to assist with all groups.
* Approximately 50 camper registrations so far.

Kris Kappler and Anne Cowles left at 6:08 pm.

**Youth Director**

* Advertising—newspaper, town website, municipal job site, Facebook. Gordie will look into SchoolSpring, Kim suggests leaving it open until filled.
* Job description—in rec bylaws. Dawn Steele will e-mail to Kim the job description that her independent community committee developed. Meghan and Kim will review existing job descriptions to develop an updated version to use for job posting.
* Committee would like to keep Youth Director as a salary position; there is some debate as to whether this is legal. **Kim will ask Holly to clarify.**

Mary Grote and Dawn Steele left at 6:42 pm

**Future plans/initiatives**

* Cindy presented several ideas for future projects/initiatives
  + Pre-season coaches clinics for volunteer coaches. Ideally would be held by experienced/expert coaches. Committee discussed, could be done in conjunction with other towns, high school coaches may be interested in leading.
  + Concerned that programs are not utilizing local natural resources/environment enough, i.e. hiking. Kim gave great overview of outdoor activities that rec offers. Kris notes that goal of rec is that kids are outside the majority of the day. Meghan notes that finding a balance for all ability levels is a challenge. Anne is already organizing a hiking club for rec this summer. This will be a good trial to see if there is interest.
  + Does committee have directors/officers insurance? Is this provided through the town? **Kim will clarify with Holly.**
  + Would like to revise evaluations—Haley, Gordie and Meghan are on subcommittee, will meet this summer.

Next meeting Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm

Minutes submitted by Haley Ireland June 17, 2019