



Brighton Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023

Present: Heather McElroy, Brandy Goulet, Emma Gunn, Noah Bond
Present Virtually: Tonya Ozone, Michael Strait

Heather called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Updates to the agenda: None

Skating Ring Update:

Heather indicated that there are three options for the skating rink:

1. Forgo the entire rink for the winter of 2023/2024
2. Move the rink to the lake for 2023/2024 – This will require access where the snowmobile trail isn't OR crossing the trail. Evaluation of insurance requirements thickness of ice etc
3. Sand-level the basketball court and have the rink there this year. A new shack would be nice if not benches. Volunteers needed either way.

She asked that the committee consider the three options and that a decision as to how to proceed will be discussed at the next meeting.

Heather asked if the committee still intended to do a volunteer drive. The committee agreed it was necessary. Heather suggested both a fall and winter event. Brandy indicated that the first two weeks in August would be a good time. **Please think about a day that will work for most**

July 4th Float – the committee decided that due to the lack of available volunteers, there would not be a float this year. Instead, Brighton Recreation will lead the kids on their decorated bikes.

Pondathon – Brandy indicated that the logo would be completed any day. She will forward that and the t-shirt info to Mike for follow-up. Due to the large number of extra t-shirts we have leftover every year, Mike suggested that we only order t-shirts for the people registered by the order cut-off, and anyone that registers after that will have to pick up their shirts at a later date as we will order them after race day. The committee discussed that most people won't register through Red Podium. Mike suggested having physical signup forms available at Town Hall so that people could pre-register in person. Noah indicated the town would be able to help with

this. After further discussion the committee took no action, and it will be discussed at the next meeting. Mike indicated that he needs to obtain the necessary info so that a budget can be created for the event. Brandy and Emma indicated that record keeping wasn't the greatest as they were mostly volunteers but they would send what info they have. Heather brought up the idea of printing out a personalized letter to each sponsor indicating what they have given in the past and requesting a donation for this year. Brandy and Emma preferred to continue soliciting donations as in the past with a spreadsheet assigning people to visit each business in person. Heather stated that they could still do that but with a professional letter to the sponsor. Mike suggested that the committee mail the letter to any sponsor that doesn't respond as staff don't always pass along the message. Brandy and Emma asked that Mike prepare the sponsor spreadsheet and send around for people to sign up to visit the sponsors. Heather asked Mike to add the necessary fields to the form so we can create the letters.

Heather asked about fall activities. Brandy and Emma suggested the walk/run events similar to the ones Paul ran 2 years ago. They were well-received and not terribly staff intensive. The committee decided to go forward with those. It was mentioned that we need to begin planning for Halloween.

Noah indicated that he had hired two individuals for the summer program. The goal was to hire three, but no third applicant has emerged. Brandy and Emma indicated that they may know of a few teens that could help out on occasion but couldn't commit to the full program. They will reach out to them. One of the new hires met with Noah and gave him a proposed list of programming for the summer. The committee reviewed the proposal and approved it with the addition of swimming lessons.

Heather requested the use of the speaker and microphone at the car show she is running on June 24th as the Forum's equipment will be at the CUD USDA Reconnect Grant award ceremony. The committee approved it, and Heather will pick up during normal town hall hours.

Mike brought up the Zumba and similar classes and informed the committee how much positive feedback he received. He would like to write a grant to pay for these and other classes as well as use of the legion during basketball season so that they could be offered free to the community. The committee directed him to contact the instructor to see what classes are available and work out a schedule.

There was no other business or public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.