



Brighton Recreation Committee Meeting Minute

September 13, 2023

Present: Heather McElroy, Tonya Ozone, Emma Gunn, Mike Strait

- 1) Heather called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm
- 2) Pondathon/Canoe Race/Foosball review and futures planning
 - Financials were reviewed and corrections were made. Final budget numbers will be produced when the final invoices come in, but Pondathon along with the night stand raffle produced over \$3,500 to be used for future programming costs.
 - Document was created with suggestions and changes for next year and is attached to these minutes.
- 3) Fall/Winter/Spring Programming
 - The committee is going to work on securing space in town for Tai Chi, Zumba, Brighton Kids Club etc. The gymnasium is booked almost every evening so securing different locations is imperative.
- 4) Fishing Tournament
 - Committee agreed that sponsor list and list of needed items should be compiled by October meeting.
- 5) Brighton Kids Club Basketball
 - Gym availability is an issue. Will contact school to see about using their gymnasium. Committee will push back if they refuse as in years past since they are using the town gymnasium which prevents us from using it for our programming.
- 6) Americorps program
 - Mike discussed the possibility of applying to Americorps for staffing for next year's summer program and swim lessons. He will be attending the informational session on the 19th and will provide further information on the process.
- 7) Cleanup from Pondathon
 - Time didn't allow for this to take place but the committee will meet in the next week to do the cleanup and take down the Foosball courts. Heather, Noah and Mike met with Paul on Thursday night to prepare the equipment for the marathon.
- 8) Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

2024 Pondathon Suggestions

- Block road off or change start/finish location. Utilize the delineator posts owned by the Forum for this.
- Tell bikers once they have completed the race, they either need to leave the finish area by waking their bikes to either park them or if they want to continue to bike, walk them off to the side down by the town hall and take off from there.
- End day of registration at 8:30 to allow time to enter them into the app.
- Use the app at half
- Wait until the end of the race to post any results. Whether we do it digitally like we talked about or do the board at the very end.
- One of the racers asked that we move the finish line to the end of the pavement.
- Remind people that this is a fun run, if they want their time, they should keep it on their watches or phones. We cannot be giving out people's times while the race is going.
- Reminder about bibs, if we cannot see them, we can't enter them correctly.
- Eliminate maximum entry fee due to abuse this year.

Canoe:

- The start timing of it was okay, if Foosball moves to a different day, maybe add another half hour to the start time so people are finished with the awards and can watch the race. Arrival of canoes was hard with finishing of the pond a Thon, needs a better solution, possibly parking by the playground rather than the side of Sunrise Manor.
- Make sure the safety boat is ready before starting the race.

Foosball:

- This seems to be catching on so our number of teams may continue to increase, we should plan for this.
- Add rule that losing/winning team must provide a ref for the next game. They do this for other tournaments.
- Think about creating a kids bracket, not sure how this would work with timing
- If have a digital option, I say we use an app to create the brackets and project it.
- Remind folks that this is a fun, family friendly event.
- Create a rule about when the ball is even with the goal but doesn't completely go through.
- Change prizes to a winners t-shirt, people were more interested in that than cash prizes.

Overall:

- We need rec software and digital presentation options. Events are getting to big to handle without it. Request has been made to Noah to try and locate something for us.
- Need to order bibs for next year.
- Need more fruit