

Brighton Recreation Minutes 04/10/2024

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM.

Attendance:

Present: Michelle Wilcox, Heather McElroy, Sheila Alabarces, Noah Bond, Jess Geary

Virtual: Michael Strait, Becky Clarke

2. Updates to the Agenda:

Chair, Roles, Membership Process; Tennis Proposal, Rec Cleanup, Fishing Tournament 2025, Website.

3. Roles/Membership Process:

Since the formation of the committee, no changes or discussions have occurred regarding the chair of the committee. Currently, the committee is co-chaired by BG and MM, both of whom are not involved at this time. Decision: all present decided Heather McElroy should take the role of chair. Heather offered the role to anyone willing to take it; however, no one wished to take the role at this time. To be reviewed annually. Jess G questioned what was involved in becoming a member and what the responsibilities of a member were. At this time, there is no formal membership process. If you begin attending and volunteering, you are considered a member. We do not restrict membership or have requirements to be a member. A discussion ensued around the use of mass texts as a method of communication. It was agreed that this would not occur in the future unless all parties have agreed to participate.

4. Fishing Tournament 2025:

A purchase in the amount of \$2500 of goods for next year's tournament was made from GMSG in Irasburg at cost. The retail value was approximately \$4000. These items are in the recreation room. Items were chosen based on what has been purchased in the past.

5. Rec Cleanup:

There is some cleanup and inventory that needs to be done for the items we have and to ensure we have everything. Date: TBD.

6. Website:

Jess noted some outdated items on the website. T now has a sign-on to make changes. Jess will send the suggested changes, in addition to the current list, to T.

7. Tennis Proposal:

Bill Aronson is interested in hosting a tennis clinic in Island Pond. Heather showed copies of flyers for similar events. It was suggested that we are not in a position to be a fiscal agent for his classes. If he wishes to conduct the classes, we will happily advertise for him.

8. Zumba and Circuit Training:

Noted that there was a cancellation (and makeup date for Zumba). Circuit training attendance has dropped with nice weather. It is desired to have everything wrapped up by the end of March next year for indoor programming. Once the weather warms up, people do not wish to be inside. We

need to explore options for facilities in town for October – March as the gym is typically scheduled for basketball.

9. Swim Lessons Update:

Tentative Dates: July 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19 – makeup 7/22, 23, 25, 26 Evening Lessons (after 4 PM). Need a lifeguard for this. We need to come up with pricing for lessons. So far, the lessons cost: \$450 certification, \$25 per kid for access to the state park, \$20 per hour for a lifeguard, \$25 for an instructor. How much will BR be able to contribute to lower costs?

ACTION: Noah to advertise in local papers and on Facebook sites. Heather – On our Facebook site, reach out to Jason Bruek for certification or if they have an extra lifeguard available. Heather – Get a financial statement from Teresa to be able to come up with Pricing.

10. Summer Programming:

- Open Gym: We have heard back from one person regarding running open gym. Sent an email back; however, we have not heard anything further. Goal: To have once a month open gym with activities like volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, dodgeball, set for a consistent one day a month.

- Hikes: Looking to have some summer hosted hikes:

May – Moose Bog

June – North Branch (Limited parking)

July – Northwoods

August – Bluff

Becky suggested a full moon hike. Mike noted that GMC is doing trails day in June – which aligns with a full moon.

ACTION: Heather to work with Luke Obrien to determine if permits are needed and if so, what the cost is.

- Kayaking: Possibility of Full moon kayaks – Friday nights.

ACTION: Heather to check with ANR/F&W to determine if boats must have lights, etc.

- Biking: Some group bike options would be great. Heather to check out some short routes – and see what we can come up with.

- Partnership with Library: Hike and w(h)ine...hike then have a glass of wine and snacks; Some sort of scavenger hunt

11. Community Meeting:

Discussed the formation of the committee and its original goals. While it is natural for us to gravitate towards and do programming which is what we personally are interested in, it's important to engage the community to determine what their needs/wishes are as well as see if we can gain a few new members as it has not been publicized that we are open to new people.

Needs: Must be advertised

- Must have a place for kids to go during adult meetings

- Must have a facilitator to ask adults their desires and vote on things

- Must have a facilitator to ask kids what they want and vote on things

- Must have food present – food always helps

Dates: Aiming for May – Not possible due to Noah's schedule suggested June

Goals: To determine what is needed for recreation, what people want for activities, funding, etc.

ACTION: Noah, Heather, and Mike to work together to put something together. We need to have this meeting enough in advance to be able to develop programs.

These draft minutes have been revised for clarity, accuracy, and consistency, providing a comprehensive record of the Brighton Recreation meeting.