

Town of Swanzey, New Hampshire
Swanzey Recreational Advisory Committee
February 10, 2020
Whitcomb Hall

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A meeting of the Swanzey Recreational Advisory Committee (RAC) was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Recreational Director Aaron Cherry. Present were Chair Michael Candello, Recreational Director Aaron Cherry, Misty Hall, Heather Daniels and Ashlee Crosby, Recording Secretary.

ABSENCE

Tom Little, Polly Seymour, Julie Kroupa

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Julie Kroupa has resigned from her position on the committee. Heather Daniels has accepted Kroupa position. The committee is currently looking for two alternatives to join.

BASKETBALL

Basketball has begun with 8-9 children on each team with four teams this season.

Cherry has been in contact with Chesterfield Recreational Director, Samantha Hill about creating a travel team between the two towns. Looking at creating a travel team for the 4th – 6th graders to play again Chesterfield beginning in March, for an end of the season wraps up. This team is projected to have about 8 kids based on current registration.

For next season to create fairness for the 3rd-6th graders, Cherry is looking into adjustable hoops that can be attached to the rim, to create an 8' hoop instead of the standard 10'.

EASTER EVENT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be hosted on Saturday, April 11th at Mt. Caesar School. There will be more information to come at the next meeting on this event.

SUMMER CAMP

Rehire letters are being sent out this month to last year's summer camp staff. No hire date is set yet due to the uncertainty of the last day of school from snow days. Currently the projected date would be the week of June 22nd and run 8 weeks of camp. Remaining positions will be posted on the town's website.

Cherry is looking to having Family ID set up on the town website for camp register and payments. Daniels asked if money would be able to be added to campers lunch account through this online system, to which Cherry share he was unsure if it can do that or not yet, but it is being considered. Looking to have Family ID up and running by March on the town's website.

Cherry is hoping to continue with the same cost as last year but it dependent on how many staff return. Cherry is also looking into bring in more activities and outings into camp which may affect the cost as well. The final answer will be decided soon.

SPRING EVENTS

Ideas for spring activities, to be put into a pull on the towns Facebook page;

- Soccer for 3rd-6th graders
- Co-ed softball – would require buying new equipment, current equipment is very old and in rough shape.
- Flag football
- Ultimate Frisbee

Hall made the point of no matter the activity the potential of low enrollment due to local baseball and softball leagues that run during the spring.

To avoid baseball, Hall suggested considering a pre-season soccer activity from June-July. Cherry stated it would be hard to run activities during summer camp season, since his full focus is on summer camp.

APRIL VACATION

Potential ideas to host during April vacation;

- Hosting an archery camp during April vacation – Cherry is still looking for a contact for the archery program to assist with this camp idea. Unsure if it is a full day or half day program.
- Half day camp of either soccer or basketball – would look into contact local school coaches to help
- Pickup games – kickball, soccer, basketball, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS

The ice rink in AA park is still in the works. Cherry is looking into purchasing rink walls for next year. These would make it easier to create the rink.

No word on the grant for the upgrades at AA park.

We will be looking for a soccer referrer next season. Kyle Heckard the current referrer is moving to Colorado. He will be a huge loss for program, so Cherry is starting now looking for his replacement. This will be posted on the website as it gets closer to the season if no one is found before then.

Daniels asked if the 5pm/6pm basketball game time could reconsider next season, due the difficulty it creates for parents that work till 5pm. Cherry reported we unfortunately stuck with these times on Monday and Wednesday to avoid a conflict with Husky Pups, but we will have more wiggle room with the start time of soccer games this season.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 7pm, at Whitcomb Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashlee Crosby, Recording Secretary