

Enosburgh Community Recreation Committee



Date: October 17, 2018

Attendees: Shawna Lovelette, Steve Wadsworth, Felisha Leffler, & Polly Rico

Guests: Amy Brewer, Stacy Carpenter, Ivonne Kio, Sean Kio, Amelia Kio

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<p>Welcome Ivonne/Public Comment</p>	<p>Welcome to the ECRC Felisha!</p>	<p>Amy will add Felisha to the ECRC email list and update contact list.</p>
<p>Minute Approval</p>	<p>September minute approval postponed until November meeting.</p>	
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Verbal report given by Treasurer Shawna. Polly motioned to approve. Steve seconded. All in favor.</p>	
<p>Bylaws/Member Positions</p>	<p>Reviewing the bylaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polly would like to resign from board when her term is up. • Question: Is it still working to have our membership outlined like it currently is in the bylaws (appointed by local boards and members-at-large?) • Board was established that way in order to protect from volunteer burnout, but with limited members on the local boards and local board members tending to be involved in a lot of local activities, it's really hard and might limit our ability to recruit new members/fill open seats. • It seems as though the board is established enough that we could eliminate the requirement that the local boards appoint a member to the ECRC. To maintain continuity with the Selectboard, Polly could be a "liaison" to the Selectboard. We'd reach out to her with Selectboard-relevant questions of the board and she'd answer and or help direct us. • In order to make this change, we'll need to revise bylaws and send to the Selectboard for approval. <p>Recruiting new members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's an individual who might be interested in joining our 	<p>Amy will pull out bylaws, distribute to members, and ask Everyone for edits to review at November meeting.</p> <p>Ivonne will reach out to potential new member.</p>

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	<p>Board. She had reached out to Ivonne recently. Ivonne will reach out to her.</p>	
<p>Regional Recreation Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacy and Betsy of RiseVT/VDH pulled together a meeting of regional recreation departments for a potluck and sharing meeting. Meeting took place in Sheldon at September 26th. • Rec programs represented: Alburgh, Enosburgh, Franklin, Highgate, N. Hero, S. Hero, & Swanton. • There were 2 presentations: N. Hero Pickleball presentation and ECRC Kayak/Canoe program. Pickleball presentation was exactly the right details of how to create a program, court, and costs/revenue associated. Super helpful. Our own Steve W. did an amazing job at presenting our Kayak/Canoe program details. Thanks Steve. And thanks for sparing the bovine obstetrics lecture! • FYI - Fairfield Rec is getting started again. Next meeting is January in Franklin. • One question to continue to explore with other recreation departments: What about background checks? How do other rec's do it? St. Albans contracts with a service/pays a monthly fee. If we need to do it, we should budget for those services. St. Albans and EES use it. Could we piggy back with the school? 	<p>Polly will start to look into the idea of sharing background check opportunities with the school.</p>
<p>2018 Activity Plans & Schedule</p>	<p>Newsletter/Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community member and technology board member, Sean Kio, made some recommendations. In order to consider revamping ECRC's website, he suggested: reviewing similar websites, finding some that we are interested in, thinking long term, and making a wish list of what we want the website to do. Technology committee can help make recommendations as to what direction we should chase. Some functions we're interested in are: event registration such as the little stingers website, the ability to register the whole family, and be able to email registrants. • Start by looking at nearby rec websites...then look at other youth sports sites. Then, expand your search. Might want to look at sites out west where they have large rec departments like in California. • Selectboard questions would be about cost and technology contract and how it fits. It could be a subset that would "port to a different page design." We'll have to investigate this concept with those concerns in mind. 	<p>Examine rec websites, make a wish list of functions - each member bring 3 functions/sites they like (everyone)</p> <p>Polly will ask about the Town's contract and see what's feasible.</p> <p>Shawna will reach out to Chris about maybe a Sunday for pickleball this fall/winter</p>

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	<p>Pickleball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Jewitt still interested – could we try it in the gym this winter? Chris Brigham said there is gym time now. We have the equipment. And could use tape to create the court. • Maybe Jean would be willing to do a demonstration activity for the community. Maybe they would be the pickleball “coaches?” • Shawna will also check with Julie Snider to see if we could use that space too. <p>Kayak/Canoe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When should we put them away? Sarah has talked to Nate Demar about using some space at the Cold Hollow Career Center. We have their permission. We believe it is locked. Steve will coordinate and reach out if help is needed. <p>Soccer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last one is this Saturday. 52 kids stayed in the program. A few families dropped out for scheduling or child readiness reasons. 1 person asked to have \$ refund and we did. We should talk about refund policy for our programs. • Sean generously declined his stipend, but we’d like to offer him a thank you. Shawna moves that we thank him with a gift of \$200 to Outdoor Gear Exchange. Seconded by Polly. All in agreement. • Saturday, we’ll try to take a group photo. Would like to collect feedback from folks. • Maybe we could send a survey monkey – to get a sense of how folks liked it. On any program. Gives us feedback and allows us to firm up what we do. <p>Basketball:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically, we start the week we get back from break in January. School ball is grades 3-4. Rec will be grades 2 and below. Mike Wolf was the coach last year and he did a good job. We could reach out to him to see if he’s interested. Program runs 6 weeks and could start on Saturday, January 12th? We could use the Little Stingers site – coach(es) could have Ivonne to help with that. <p>Golf:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should we partner with the golf course to offer kiddo golf lessons in 2019? Sure. Golf course does it anyway, we could help promote this free opportunity. <p>Ice Rink:</p>	<p>Steve will coordinate Kayak/Canoe “wintering”</p> <p>Shawna will reach out to Mike Wolf and Julie Snider about basketball and pickleball space.</p> <p>Polly will ask at school board about putting the rink on/near soccer fields.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looked at the space behind the school. Not ideal, lighting isn't great and there's no place to put the snow. What about over by the soccer fields (school). Is the water spigot frost free? Maple park is still an option. We have to do this before flush fire hydrants. <p>80's movie night:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small to no participation. Might need to give it time to take hold. Serve cookies and milk this Friday? Advertise differently? Do holiday movies in November? Maybe do a PJ movie night? <p>Trunk or Treat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katherine from ACTIONS invited us to participate, but we don't have the personnel to commit to it this year. <p>Holiday team brunch/dinner?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov-Dec? 1906 offered to host. It would be lovely for us to celebrate together. 	
<p>Safe Routes to School/Bodies in Motion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We've had 3 Walking Wednesdays and families HAVE participated along both routes! Not sure many kiddos are using the logs that we created. Katherine Bennett of ACTIONS has been the point person to collect them and tally them. We're not sure how many have been turned in. Amy will follow up with Katherine After this first 3-week challenge, Amy will reach out to the group of partners to see if it's worth continuing. 	<p>Amy will email Katherine to see what kind of participation is occurring. (Follow up: to date, 6 students & 1 teacher have turned in logs)</p>
<p>Enosburg Initiative/Better Connections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vital/Village/Enosburg Eats/Walkability demonstration went really well. Approximately 100-150 people came downtown. 50-70 at pie social. Walkability team didn't have a success in leading a group, but then took their inquiry to where people were, and they got useful information. The bumpouts were great conversation. The one by the NOTCH wasn't great because trucks couldn't turn, but that's useful information too. There's a debrief meeting Tuesday at 9am at Hull Insurance. Already, lots of ideas for doing Enosburg Eats differently next time, such as combining it with the block party and not doing it in October? November 3rd is Enosburgh Initiative's Community Meeting Day/Pot luck. All who meet are invited to participate (including us). Boards are encouraged to even hold their regular meetings at that time. We'll send Steve as a representative, because we can't 	

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	secure quorum for our regular meeting.	
Community Rec Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could investigate a \$5000 mini-grant to help use the space in the winter – December – May to cover rental and other fees • Talked about making a list of committees/organizations/etc to engage. Stacy and Steve will take that on. • Going to send out an email with the info and then make an info meeting and might overlap with EI. Financial breakdown – Ivonne will look into that. 	Ivonne will look into financial breakdown of Community space
Next Steps	<p>Our next meeting will be the 14th of Wednesday at 5pm-6:30 because our regularly scheduled meeting would have been the evening before Thanksgiving.</p> <p>Our next meeting is 2nd Wednesday of November (14th) at 5:00pm, Enosburgh Emergency Services Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned as of 6:31pm