

Norwich Recreation Council Meeting 8/2/16.

Present: Jill Kearney-Niles, Gered Dunne, Rebecca Matteo, Kristin Fauci, Chris Clapp, Ryan Gardner, Laura Duncan, Ryan Johnson-guest

Review of last meeting. Minutes accepted with amendment: World Media Photography should read: "World Story Exchange/Media Arts Explorations." Scott and Lindsay have done a great job with the kids.

Fall Mountain Biking: Rebecca and Ryan Johnson may be interested in helping Jane LeMasurier instruct. Could have a bike maintenance clinic prior to the season. Wednesdays would be good, as there is no soccer on Wednesdays. Could do a beginner adult on Saturday and include kids, too.

Storrs Pond recreation program was very successful. Discount program was also very successful with about 120+ tickets sold.

Fishing Program: Looking for instructors for next year. Jill has talked with Matt Hall.
Action Item: Amy will contact Chris Moore.

Pump Track update: Rebecca has a spreadsheet started for possible grants. There are several options. Gered hasn't heard any feedback on ideas. Feels the time for this to move forward is in the fall. Kristin suggests we choose a site now, so that groundbreaking can happen in fall. There might need to be a public on-site forum to show plan. Gered suggested we try to get o.k. from town manager to move forward. It seems that Huntley is the location. **Action item:** Gered will talk with town manager this week. Plan is to go map it out with any folks who need to be involved. There are abutters next to the location. There wouldn't be additional noise from activity but there would be from construction. If we have a public forum on site, we should first have Jill K-N, Kristin, Rebecca, Gered, Conservation Commission rep, Town Manager to go to site to see if it has blessing to move forward to include Selectboard input. May even start with a power-point before going to the site. Ask John Taylor from Upper Valley Trails Alliance to come, also. Try for next Tuesday, August 9th at 5:00. Will look at two different spots at Huntley to compare.

Summer Program Update: Jill K-N suggests dropping Sensational Summer Day Camp for 4-7 year olds, due to low numbers and many switches with family schedules. We lose money on this program. Didn't seem to be popular on the survey. The most we had this summer was 8 kids. Ryan suggested amending the Recreation programs refund policy, as Jill has to staff programs, and people can cancel at the last minute. If people change sports programs, the on-line service collects an extra \$5 or \$10 for registration that the Town is charged. These switches are also very time consuming for Jill.

Fall: Gift making day, and will offer a youth yoga again.

Gered is thinking about doing a Saturday tour of local trails. Could do an informal day without charging or could charge \$5 to cover our registration cost. Rebecca is interested in doing this also. Could put a notice on the list serve. This would be a good opportunity to introduce people to various trails in the area. Need to have participants sign waiver form. Date was chosen: September 10th at 8am-10am at Parcel 5. Raindate: September 11th. Gered would like to include runners and walkers, as well as mountain bikes. Decision was made to not charge for program. All ages included. Gered will write up a description of where they will go and what the requirements are. Laura offered to take a kid group of hikers.

Mountain biking for 4th-6th graders.

Late fall schedule comes out mid-October. Will discuss Nov. potential offerings at next meeting.

Bread Oven: New guidelines written up for use of the oven. People should sign up through Jill to use the oven and receive training to use. Rob Gurwitt would be a good choice for someone to do a training day. Gered suggests charging for the class, which would certify people to use the oven and we would provide the proper wood. Any wood donation ideas?

Labor Day: September 5th Road Race. Early morning. Meet on the green. Kristin will ask Susan Simmers to do registration again. She did well with this last year. Chris and Becca will do lining. Amy will do water station at Legion. Laura will do registration and recording. Becca will record.

Sponsors: Jill needs help with this. Could ask Stateline Sports, or could ask Omer and Bob's.

Action Item: Chris can do prizes from Briko. Chris will ask Farm Way and Brett at 'Omer and Bob's'.

Meeting adjourned 8:45. Next meeting Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm. Please let Jill know if you have a conflict.