



Islesboro Recreation Committee

Wednesday, September 17th

5:45-6:45 pm

Location: Islesboro Community Center Conference Room

Members

Chair: Lauren Janney

Becky Bolduc, Jennifer Bailey, Gil Rivera, Marianne Purdy, Lindsey Govoni, Tracey Wuori,
Agnes Adams

Ex officio: Melissa Burns

Recreation Director: Colleen Dove

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/jax-gdye-cmj>

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order
 - a. Present: Gil Rivera, Agnes Adams, Melissa Burns, Lauren Janney, Colleen Dove
 - b. Remote: Becky Bolduc, Marianne Purdy, Lindsey Govoni
 - c. Absent: Tracey Wuori, Jennifer Bailey
2. New Business
 - a. Fall swim lessons
 - i. Staffing at the Pen Bay YMCA is making it difficult to schedule lessons. The group considered renting a pool and providing our own instructors.
 1. YMCA lessons
 - a. Lauren to reach out to Zack at Belfast YMCA about lessons and continue discussing options with Pen Bay YMCA
 2. Pool rental / lessons
 - a. Becky to reach out to Jensen about teaching
 - b. Lauren to reach out to Sean about teaching
 - c. Lauren to call the Samoset in Rockland, and discuss with local YMCAs re: pool use

3. Agnes suggested and offered to help host open swim times on weekends- it was noted that this is a great way for kids to build their confidence in the water, which is a big part of learning to swim.
 - b. Fall soccer
 - i. Kick-off next Wednesday, led by Captains 4:30 - 5:15
 - ii. Pee-Wee soccer led by Agnes, Lindsey, and Lauren
 - iii. Agnes to place in the school's weekly update and send flyers
 - c. Winter ski program
 - i. The group discussed coordinating a few ski nights again this year. Ideally, we could get a private donation to help us fund minors.
 - ii. Last year it seemed that some of the middle school-aged kids could have benefited from lessons.
 - iii. The group discussed requiring K-6 students to have chaperones and the possibility of requiring parents to help chaperone or provide the chaperones.
 - iv. Funding
 1. Melissa shared fundraising tactics she has used previously, including spotlighting community members who provide private donations.
 - v. Next steps
 1. Lauren to confirm and share ski night budget
 2. Lauren to talk with Candice about ICC involvement
 3. Contact the Snow Bowl re: lessons
 4. Discuss age and chaperone requirements with Becky and Jen
 - d. Winter Programming
 - i. The group discussed winter programming needs and inquired about the possibility of offering dance/gymnastics again. Colleen explained that it's prohibitive to bring someone out to the island to teach unless there is a grant (as in previous years). There may, however, be martial arts classes available.
 - ii. Next steps
 1. Colleen to meet with the Community Leadership Group regarding programming winter activities
5. Old Business
 - a. Adventure Camp Review
 - i. The group discussed the Select Board's expectation for next summer's camp budget and discussed planning on the town covering salaries only
 - ii. Colleen asked if each recreation member would consider making a donation for an end-of-year gift for the counselors. Colleen will share her Venmo.
 - iii. Colleen suggested that next year we further separate into two age groups, as more than 20 kids at one site is too chaotic. Agnes suggested that we give the groups names rather than calling them "biggs" and "littles".

- iv. Lauren suggested that we discuss opening camp to off-islanders to supplement revenue (and charge full price) as well as a strategy for introducing children to the island who may, in turn, consider the ICS magnet program. (IF this happens it has been suggested not to call it magnet or bring up the magnet program in any publicizing.)
- b. Half Marathon Review
 - i. Colleen stated that we received a lot of great feedback. She expects next year to grow, in part by partnering with Marshall Wharf.
 - ii. Gil mentioned that runners said they pay twice as much for other races. The group considered raising costs.
 - iii. The group discussed finding sponsors for swag bags.
 - iv. Next Steps
 - 1. Colleen to set up subcommittee - add Antonia
- c. Maddie Dodge
 - i. Tennis Courts
 - 1. The tennis backboard area is being turned into a basketball court via private funding.
 - 2. Gill priced out material for a DIY constructed tennis backboard - \$450 in materials, for plywood, with volunteer carpenters.
 - 3. Next Steps
 - a. The group will vote on replacing the tennis backboard in early spring.
 - ii. Shade Structure
 - 1. The shade structure needs to be replaced. Colleen recommends a tent similar to the ICC. This way, the tent can be removed once a more permanent structure (with potential changing/ restrooms) is ready to be put in place.
 - 2. Melissa suggested that we approach the permanent structure as a town entity rather than just for rec usage when we ask for funding
 - 3. Next Steps
 - a. Colleen will share the tent info, the group will vote on the purchase of the shade structure at our October meeting.
 - b. Colleen will assemble a task force to plan a more permanent structure. Consider gray water. compostable, or septic. Cinderella toilet?
- 7. Next Meeting Date: October 15th
- 8. Adjourn