

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2022

Present: Diana Hardina, Mary Lou Gallup, Stefan Topolski, Norman Beebe, Cowell Director Bill Buck , guest Larry Flacus.

1---- Approve meeting minutes for October.

2---- Cowell Youth Basketball Program – Diana has a tentative schedule. The schedule may change. Monday 5:45 to 6:45 grades 1-2

Tuesday 5:30 to 6:30 kindergarten

Wednesday 6:15 to 7:15 grades 3-4

Thursday 5:30 to 7 grades 5-6

All groups are co-ed. The program will start the week of December 12th. Diana will put together a flyer and spread the word.

3---- Pickleball – Mary Lou reports that over the first 11 days they've had 133 participants!!!! Sessions go for three hours and are offered Tuesday, Friday and Sunday from 9-12 noon on the outdoor courts. Jay and Mary Lou have offered four beginner lessons with 4-8 people attending each session (six participants ideal) and five intermediate lessons. The second demo was a success – they had four courts set up! They will be moving indoors once it's too cold outside and will meet on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 9 to 12 noon.

Larry Flacus joins and requests we put up a backboard so folks can practice pickleball. He's willing to contribute \$100 to the project. Mary Lou thinks this is a terrific idea. Norman reminds folks that before the pandemic Whit Sanford wanted a backboard to practice tennis and she offered to contribute. (Norman will follow up with Whit.) Diana says people could use it for soccer too. Norman will check with Terry about using the town's Home Depot card, and where to deposit the contributions. Bill will come up with a list of materials and consult with Mark. Maybe we can get it up before the snow flies.

4---- Four Rivers gym rental request and clarify user fee structure – Four Rivers will be there on Fridays from 3:15 to 6 and will pay \$83 a session. Bill has already communicated with them, and they will be starting on December 2nd.

5---- Cowell director report – Joe Judd had an outdoor light installed in the front of the building prior to the November election. Bill has purchased 600 feet of yellow tape for laying out the pickleball courts indoors. The walkers have decided not to come – very sad. There have been a couple of birthday parties, one for six hours! The Academy at Charlemont will be using the gym at their usual times (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3 to 5:15 and Wednesday 1 to 3). Adult basketball will be on Tuesdays from 7 to 9pm, and volleyball on Wednesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9pm. (Wednesday's start time may need to move to 7:30, once youth basketball starts.)

6---- Softball field leveling and future ice-skating rink – Norman will contact CountryScape to see if it makes sense to modify the current proposal to cover the infield only to expand it to parts of the outfield to make it safer.

7--- Next meeting Wednesday December 14th at 6:30.