

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2022

Present: Diana Hardina, Mary Lou Gallup, Stefan Topolski, Norman Beebe, and Cowell Gym Director Bill Buck

1---- Approve meeting minutes for November.

2---- Cowell Youth Basketball started this week! Grades 1-2 began on Monday (5:45 to 6:45) and had 12 children, and the Tuesday (5:30 to 6:30) kindergartener group had 10 or 11. Tonight is for grades 3-4 from 6:15 to 7:15, and Thursday is for grades 5-6 from 5:30 to 7. The late start on Wednesday was to accommodate Fred Redeker but he is no longer coaching that night so Diana will see if they can start earlier. We talk about the importance of using appropriately sized equipment. We are particularly concerned that the lower hoops, which should be used for grades K-4, will not be used, and that when they are used must be taken down. Diana will continue to dialog with the volunteer coaches.

3---- Cowell director report – Tai Chi (Saturday from 9 to 10:30) will be taking a break until March. Volleyball is currently only on Friday. We talk about how we should make the schedule available to the public. Diana is working on a template that Bill can update as needed and that we can email it periodically to our listserv and post on the town website.

4---- Ping pong – Diana would like to start this on the weekends.

5---- Pickleball – the turn out has been incredible! Since Sept. 12th we've had 68 court hours and 248 attendees! Thanks to Bill's help Mary Lou and Jay have started the move to indoors. They have taped off three courts. (To make this work the bleachers need to be closed up.) The equipment for pickleball is being stored in the stairwell to the right of the Tab room. (See notes on Tab Room below.) The indoor schedule is Monday 7-9 pm, Tuesday and Thursday 9 to 1:30 pm, Saturday 5 to 8 pm, and Sunday 8:30 to 1:30 pm. Mary Lou and Jay will be communicating with Bill about additional equipment they will need. We talk about the policy of having folks either change or clean their shoes before entering the gym. All agree it's important. Norman will make and post signs. Mary Lou and Jay have been struggling to reach a critical mass for non-competitive play but are committed to making it work. They also anticipate non-community members filling available spots before community members can sign up. This may be something we have to address at our next meeting. Mary Lou wonders about the town's liability concerns. Norman says this isn't an issue but will check with Terry.

6---- Senior walk - will return in January! It will run from 9 to 10 on M, W, and F, and it will be free.

7---- Tennis/pickleball practice board – plywood and 2 by 4s have been purchased. Whit Sanford will be donating money to it as well. Checks for donations should be made out to the Town of Shelburne with Cowell Gym Donations written on the memo line.

8---- Open space and recreation survey – Norman encourages members to fill it out, and to encourage others to fill it out. It's available online (a postcard with the website link was mailed to folks) and in paper (available at Town Hall and the town libraries.) The survey will be available until December 31st. This deadline will likely be extended.

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9---- Ice skating- Stefan is ready to go once the weather cooperates. The rink is set up and the bench is in place. He has already contacted the fire chief and is in conversation about when to have the town flood the rink.

10---- Tab room is a mess. We need to have the Art Garden move their stuff. Diana will contact them. She and Stefan will look at making the tab room more usable in the next week or so.

11---- Next meeting Wednesday January 11th at 6:30.