

## Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2023

Present: Diana Hardina, Mary Lou Gallup, Stefan Topolski, Norman Beebe, and Cowell Gym Director Bill Buck (Bill is only able to attend for 15 minutes)

- 1---- Approve meeting minutes for December.
- 2---- Ice skating/ Stefan reported that there were four days of ice skating from Christmas to New Year, and that 52 people skated! Unfortunately, there's been no skating since :(. He's hoping the weather will allow for skating on Sunday. The Fire Dept. in theory is willing to provide water but in practice it has yet to happen.
- 3---- Pickleball/ Mary Lou reports that pickleball is going well – sessions are mostly packed and participants are happy. She and Jay had anticipated that sign up slots may be taken up by *out-of-towners* before *locals* had a chance to sign up but for now it has not been an issue. We discuss how this could be addressed if it is a problem in the future. Mary Lou says they can open up the sign ups to select groups earlier to address this problem. We agree that this is worth trying and that she can implement this strategy as needed going forward.
- 4---- Volleyball/ Still only on Friday, and generally five to seven participants each week. Stefan would like to retape the court and has equipment concerns. He and Bill will work on these.
- 5---- Cowell Director Report/ The senior walk is back! They walk on M, W, F from 9 to 10. We raised close to \$1600 from gym usage since mid-November with over \$640 coming from pickleball and \$590 from basketball.  
Bleachers – a long discussion about this. In the past the new bleachers always stayed down and the older ones stayed up. The Academy sometimes uses the older bleachers as well but they take them down as needed and put them back up when they are finished. This status quo has been called into question because pickleball needs them all up (to accommodate a third court). It's decided the default position for the gym will be all bleachers up. Bill will let users know of this change in policy.  
Paul, the town custodian, works in the Cowell on Monday mornings. Bill will ask him to wet mop the gym. This has been done in the past but not this year.
- 6---- Cowell Youth Basketball Program/ Diana reports that the groups seem to be going well aside from the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> group. With regard to our concern that the groups use the appropriate equipment, it is going well for the k-2<sup>nd</sup> groups but is sketchy for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> group.  
Mission statement – Diana thinks we should have a mission statement for the program, and shares a draft of such a statement. It's agreed this is an excellent idea. Norman and Diana will work on this with the goal of having it in place for the next season. This discussion reminds us that we drafted a code of conduct for the gym prior to the pandemic but that it is not posted. Norman will post it in the gym.
- 7---- Pin pong/ Diana says we need a second table in order for this to happen. She's been looking for a free one on Craig's List.
- 8---- Adult defibrillator/ Mary Lou learns the defibrillator in the Cowell works for children and adults. She would like to be trained on its usage. Maybe we could have someone come in and train interested users of the Cowell. She will investigate how to make this happen.
- 9---- Tab Room/ The Art Garden has removed their stuff now we just need to organize it better :).
- 10--- Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.