

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2023

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

1---- Minutes for February are approved.

2---- Pickleball/ Mar Lou's key for the Cowell is ready!

The indoor pickleball program has been a smashing success! Mary Lou and Jay will be looking to move outdoors in early April as the weather allows. We discuss what will be needed to move outdoors from times when the court will be reserved for pickleball to equipment needed. They are given approval to purchase equipment, and a schedule that mirrors their current indoor schedule (Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings, and Monday, Wednesday evenings) is tentatively approved. We will revisit the schedule at our April meeting.

3---- Ice Skating/ Norman proposes officially dropping the outdoor rink idea on the softball field and continue to keep ice skating at Stefan's. Stefan and Norman discussed this prior to the meeting. We decide to discuss this more when Stefan is present.

4---- Cowell director report/ Bill gives us the new Cowell lockbox combination.

Bill reports we've collected \$2375 in February, \$1680 from pickleball, \$510 from adult basketball (now three nights a week), \$80 from volleyball, and \$59 for a gym rental.

Tai Chi will be restating on March 18th.

A plan is in place for the pickleball/tennis backboard to be installed with Mark's help but no date for when.

Bill talks to the various groups using the gym about the importance of changing their shoes prior to entering the gym.

Bleacher update: The bleachers will all be down for use by the Academy at Charlemont on March 15th - their last day in the gym for this season. After that all the bleachers will be chained up, including the new bleachers. This will make it easier for pickle ball.

One of the toilets needs a plumber – Bill has let Terry know.

5--- Cowell Youth Basketball/ Cowell youth basketball will wrap up this week. Towards the end the kindergarten group averaged about 8 children and the 1st/2nd group about 14.

Sometimes there were more girls than boys in these groups! The 3rd/4th group had about 16 children (but only three girls), and the 5th/6th group didn't meet.

6---- Town election May 16th – no gym activities from Friday through Wednesday morning.

7---- Softball/ Only 3 responses so far. If something dramatic doesn't change in the next week, then Norman will cancel it. This will allow the interested parents enough time to sign up in Greenfield.

6--- Ping pong/ There is interest but Diana says it's not feasible without a second table. She's on the prowl for a free second table.

7--- Wilcox Hollow/ Road and parking has been much improved and is now accessible for fishing and launching small boats.

8---- Next meeting/ Wednesday April 12th at 6:30 via Zoom.