

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 1-10-24

Attending: members Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, and Stefan Topolski, and guests John Walsh and Rick LaPierre

1---- Approve minutes for December

2---- Cowell Facilities Director position – John Walsh was tentatively approved as the Interim Cowell Facilities Director at Monday's Selectboard meeting. If we approve, he can start immediately. We approve! John will serve until June 30th or until we find a permanent replacement for Bill.

3--- Cowell winter schedule – we confirm our longstanding policy that from Thanksgiving to mid-March youth programs are given priority in the gym from 5 to 7pm on weekdays. We also stress that ongoing rental and program times need to be approved by the committee. One off rentals or program use requests (such as pickleball having to move indoors because of rain) can be arranged/approved by the Cowell Director.

Here is the current schedule.

Senior Walk/ M, W, F 9 -10am

Cowell Youth Basketball (grades)/ M (1-2) 5:45-6:45pm, Tu (K), W (5-6) Th (3-4) 5:30-6:30pm

Adult Basketball/ Tu (over 35) 6:30-9pm, Th (over 18) 7-9pm

Rentals (ongoing)/ Charlemont Academy: M, Tu, 3:15-5:15pm, W 1-3pm, Th 3:15-5:15pm;
Four Rivers: F 3:15-5:15pm

Pickleball/ Su, Tu, Th 8:30-12:45pm (additional Tuesday session approved by committee),
M 7-9pm, W 6:45-8:45pm; and Sa 9-11am (time may need to adjust to accommodate Tai Chi)
Additionally, F from January 19th through March 9th from 5:15-7:30pm has been approved with the understanding that this may need to move later or earlier on some dates. We are hoping to hold an open gym time on February 23rd which would mean starting at 7pm, and perhaps bringing volleyball back on Friday evenings which may mean ending by 7pm.

4--- Cowell bleachers – we decide for safety concerns to keep the bleachers up during the Cowell Youth Basketball Program. We'll use chairs instead.

5---- Updates

*Ping pong – Diana has made considerable progress on emptying out and cleaning the room but the start date for ping pong is still months away.

*Pickleball – collected \$1,114 in December and \$1,143 so far for January (many using the monthly rate.) The New Year's Eve event was a success with 27 players participating. The Friday evening program will be a Mixed Doubles Round Robin play session.

*Cowell Youth Basketball- we change the name to Cowell Youth Winter Program. The evenings for Kindergarten, grades 1-2, and grades 3-4 are going well. The group for grades 5-6 is now doing indoor soccer (hence the name change.)

* Enhanced fitness trial- Whit informed me that they were able to launch the program at Mohawk in an unused gym space.

6--- Diana collected \$400 for December drop-in basketball. Going forward groups will turn in their money into John.

7--- Open Gym-Stefan willing to host open gym during BSE's school vacation week. One possible time would be Friday from 5-7pm but Stefan is considering more days as well as day times. He will let us know what he decides for a schedule and work with Diana to publicize it.

8--- Tai Chi- has requested Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30am starting Saturday, March 16th. We would like to accommodate Tai Chi (as they have been long term renters) but only if they can start earlier (8:30-10:30am) or later (10:30-12:30pm). This would allow pickleball to either slide earlier or later. It's agreed that Norman will speak to Stephanie Gelfan, and also give Mary Lou a heads up.

9--- Ice skating-conditions are not ideal but Stefan is prepared if the temperature drops.

10—Trespass issue-turned out to be a member of The Academy coaching staff wanting to use the gym for their private use! The AD at The Academy will pay for the session and speak to the assistant coach, and will also pay for the session.

11-- Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 in the Cowell Gym.