

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2022

Present: Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, Cowell Director Bill Buck (leaves at 7), and guests Mary Lou Gallup and Jay Readinger

1---- Approve meeting minutes for August.

2---- Picklball has started up on the outdoor courts at the Cowell! Mary Lou Gallup and Jay Readinger will be running this program on behalf of the committee. They have demos, open play, and lessons planned. We discuss whether we should charge for the lessons. The reasons to charge include acknowledging the value of the lessons and concern if we don't charge, people may not take the commitment to be there seriously. It's decided not to charge for beginner lessons but perhaps charge for intermediate lessons in the future. Mary Lou will work with Diana to get the word out via Facebook and to our recreation committee listserv using Mailchimp. Mary Lou will send Norman information for Andrew Baker's Shelburne Town Newsletter.

3--- Cowell schedule/Cowell director report

Tuesday basketball (age 35 and older) still going, Wednesday and Friday volleyball (16 and older) to start up soon, tai chi from 9 to 10:30 on Saturday continues (this is an ongoing private rental for the year), and The Academy at Charlemont will be in the gym on M, T, R, F from 3-5 and W 1-3. Lights for the gym are still on back order.

4---- Clarification of fees charged for use of the Cowell

We charge \$55 for up to two hours but Bill charges less for those who commit for longer (such as the tai chi class on Saturday). We'll talk about how to make this process more transparent at a future meeting.

5---- Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership grant – we got the grant! We now need to decide how to proceed :).

6---- Cowell Youth Basketball Program – at our August meeting we talked about the need for this to work for all age levels and abilities. We will prioritize this at our next meeting. Diana will bring a list of expectations for the program to our October meeting.

7---- Any other business – Mary Lou has agreed to join our committee! Norman will ask the Selectboard to appoint her. The appointment will be good until the next election at which time she can stand for election.

8---- We schedule our next meeting for Wednesday, October 12th.