

Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2023

Present: Sandy Shute, Chelsea Sucy, Larry DiPietro

Minutes of August 31, 2023, were approved previously via email.

Treasurer's Report: **Sandy** will meet with Tammy to get current balance in the account AND work out a system of communication between she and I so that I will know the income and expenses as they are recorded so that I will always have current information.

Old Business:

1. Pavilion update

- a. Electricity – Adam Clement has been contracted to install electricity to the pavilion. Hopefully, it is coming soon.
- b. Wi-fi – Point-to-point Wi-fi access has been installed to extend wi-fi from the Community Building to the firehouse and includes public access at the pavilion.
“**Town of Rome Guest**”, password **2073974011!**

2. **Walking Track** - Shawn Landry of Mainely Trails will be installing the walking track as soon as the ground is dry enough to bring equipment in
3. **Community Garden** – **Sandy** will be in touch with Chris Cook to confirm we will be ready to go with this next spring.
4. **Hoyt Island Encroachment** – Larry reported that Abby, the Administrative Assistant, is working on a letter.
5. **T-shirt sales** – More T-shirts were ordered and have been received. We now have all sizes available from Youth S through Men's XXXL.
6. **Equipment Bin** – Equipment in the bin is being used. The basketballs do not seem to be holding air. **Sandy** will look into replacing them.
7. **Taekwondo Class** – Phyllis had 7 students, adults and kids, in her Taekwondo Class

New Business:

1. **Taekwondo** – **Phyllis** will communicate with Julie at the Town Office to solicit interest in Taekwondo Classes and organize as suits her schedule and that of interested participants and availability of facilities.
2. **Yoga** – **Sandy** has contacted Monica McCarthy regarding Yoga. While Monica cannot commit to leading a class on a regular basis she is willing to review the program Sandy has suggested using and will provide a waiver from she has used in the past. She will also drop in on classes as she has time to answer questions.

3. **Movie Night** – a movie night will be held **October 6**, outside at the pavilion, inside if rain and/or too cold. **Larry** will research a projector and screen to purchase. We will use the popcorn machine to provide popcorn.
4. **Advertising** – **Sandy** will prepare sign boards advertising movie night on one side and soliciting interest in Taekwondo and Yoga on the other.
5. **Dwight Allison** – Sandy will reach out Dwight to schedule a tour of his property via his side-by-side.
6. **Trunk-or-Treat** – We will hold Trunk-or-Treat again this year, October 31, 2023, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. We will also add a “haunted trail” along the third base line portion of the new walking track. **Barb** will run the Popcorn machine and hotdogs will be available (kept warm in a crock pot works great). We need to supply napkins, ketchup and mustard.
 Haunted Trail waypoints:
 - a. **Bride and Groom** on a bench for photo op; bride will be a skeleton dressed in wedding gown and groom, perhaps not recognizable as a real person, will be a man in a tuxedo who will put his arm around the child having picture taken (**Bob Hudson?**)
 - b. **Large spider** falling down from a tree onto child(ren) **Sandy**
 - c. **Graveyard** with dry ice and floating headstones **Larissa**
 - d. **Clown** falling out of the sky onto child(ren) **Chris Cook**
 - e. **Walking Skeleton** – **Clay Suzy**
 - f. **Lighting** – Lanterns **Sandy**
 - g. **Glow sticks** – to be handed out
 - h. **Scary music** – **Larissa**
 - i. **Halloween display light with ghosts, etc.**
 - j. **Flashlights** – have flashlights available if needed
7. **Trash can at the Beach?** – Do we risk people using it to discard personal trash, and would Town cover cost of pick up? **Chelsea** offered to continue weekly pick up of any trash when she checks the privy and will let us know if it becomes too much of a burden.
8. **Break-away bases** for the baseball field – do we have these? If we got them, the field would be usable for local teams. Sandy noted that after the last big rain we had, the entire infield was underwater. Again, **Sandy** will take this to the Selectboard.
9. Sandy brought up the issue of **dog waste** on the ball field. **Larry** will talk to the Selectboard about providing Poop bags and Collection container.
10. Sandy mentioned that it has been suggested that we have Kareoke Night starting in January as a winter activity. Could be fun. Let’s pursue it!
11. There is an issue of bird droppings on the picnic tables in the pavilion as they perch on the collar ties. **Sandy** will hang bird deterrent ribbon to see if that helps.
12. Sandy brought to the attention of the Committee that our Town Comprehensive Plan has suggested action plans that relate to the Recreation Committee. She will attach to these minutes for all to review to be prepared to discuss at future meetings.

Next Meeting: 5:00pm at the Community Building on October 26, 2023.