

Holderness Recreation Board Meeting

7 December 2020

Board Members Present: Wendy Werner, Director, Tom Stepp (chair), ~~Peter Francesco~~ (Selectman) Biff Sutcliffe (secretary) Janis Messier, Amanda Bussolari, Jenny Evans, Nate Fuller, Adar Fejes
This meeting was held via Zoom with Wendy being the host.

1) Minutes of our Zoom meeting on 9 November 2020 were accepted.

2) Budgets – no up-to-date information available for this meeting

2021-2022 Budget Planning:

Our scheduled time with the Budget Committee and Select Board to discuss our proposed budget has been set for 9 December at 10:15 via Zoom. Board members will receive a Zoom invitation and those that are able to attend will.

3) Beach –

- Wendy reported that she has instructed Squam Docks to dispose of the swim raft. We will revisit the need after another summer without it.
- The “Road Closed” sign and sawhorse have been put in place for the winter.

4) Programs- Update and Winter Flyer

- Early Bird Aerobics – continues
- Basket Making: in spite of full enrollment the two classes had to be postponed due to Covid concerns.
- Programs that will be listed in the winter flyer due out before Christmas
 1. Virtual Kids cooking class
 2. OHRV – online class
 3. Snowman contest
 4. Creative Feasts – Winter Soups – comfort in a bowl. Virtual instruction will cost \$10
 5. A Live Cooking Event – in the works but will involve cooking at home along with the Instructor and will likely cost \$25.
 6. Winter Outdoor Skills – a 3-part series in development with the Science Center. Proposed cost Will be \$12/person per session.
- Wendy is exploring ways that we can provide some important and accessible activities and programs for our senior members of Holderness. Ideas welcomed!

5) Esports – Wendy presented the power point presentation of a program she learned about at the New Hampshire Parks & Recreation Department Association meeting. The organization that made the presentation capitalizes on the popular electronic gaming population. The Esports organization has developed a way of forming teams within states and promoting, monitoring, and providing referees for scheduled competitions. A number of towns in New Hampshire have already signed on to this program. Contest brackets and competitions can lead to championships. Wendy is having the Town’s insurance company and lawyer review the contracts. The cost to participants is between \$20-\$30 per 6 week “competition season”. The Recreation Department would need to pay a one-time fee of \$200 to register the Town. Board discussion mostly was in favor of exploring this option more fully. Nate offered to help Wendy as he has been involved with online gaming for some time and knows quite a bit about the various popular games and hardware needed to run the programs. The Board discussed how the Scholarship Fund might be used. We tabled this discussion until later if Holderness Rec. does join.

6) Correspondence –
NA

7) Next meeting date: January 11th by Zoom at 5:30

Respectfully Submitted.

George Sutcliffe