

**Highgate Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 7, 2021**

The Highgate Recreation Commission (HRC) board meeting was called to order at 5:36pm by Ty Choiniere. The meeting was held via Zoom.

HRC board members in attendance:

Ty Choiniere, Chairman

Karen Gagne Fortin, Secretary

Ryan Maskell, Vice Chairman

Shari Rainville, Director

Lee Barrett, Recreation Program Director

Randy Connolly, Director

Absent from Meeting: Mark Gilbert, Director

Guests: Rachel Fitzsimmons

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report: Tabled

Programs Coordinator Report:

Lee Barrett sent a weekly report for the HRC board to review.

Lee stated that H2O and Champlain Equipment signs are ready for pick up from Grizzly Graphics.

The adult Spring cornhole league ended with a tournament and the winners were Tim Luneau and Craig Laroche. Karen stated she will pick up the plaque and bring to Vt trophy and engraving.

Summer Camp: Lee stated he is concerned about having enough participants to take part in the summer camp. He currently has 29 registered campers. It was suggested to try to consolidate numbers into three weeks (the week of July 5th, July 12th and July 19th). Lee stated he will reach out to families. It was decided that we will hold a special meeting on June 10th at 5:15pm to decide on the summer camp.

Lee stated that he has other programs for all ages scheduled for the summer such as pickle ball, kick ball tournament, Summer Strolls, etc.

Lee asked for a HRC for the funds for the Big Blue Trunk of \$525. A motion was made by Shari Rainville,

Lee suggested that we may want to consider specialty camps, such as archery, survival etc. Ryan suggested a day event such as hiking, fishing, biking on the new rail trail. Karen suggested a whiffle ball tournament on the turf including different age groups.

Summer Sounds: Lee stated that bands are booked, we just need to decide where the concerts will be held.

Lee stated that he sent a letter for review per the request of Whitetails.

Reminder of board members bios are needed.

Project Meeting: The next meeting will cover all the projects that need to be completed. It was suggested that we hold that meeting in-person.

Action Item:

Lee stated that he has received a request from Ashley LaRocque to donate the arena for a dance following the 6th grade graduation. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to approve the donation request. Seconded by Shari Rainville. All in favor, motion carried.

Bike Repair Station:

Ty stated that the selectboard would like the HRC to reach out to Vtrans to discuss a least agreement with Vtrans. Kyle Lothian asked the HRC to speak with Sheldon to discuss how they pursued a lease with Vtrans.

Trailer Sales: Ryan stated he has the trailer sold for \$500. Ty stated that he will need to have a bill of sale made that states "sold as is".

New Business:

Ice Painting: The HRC agreed that we schedule the ice painting.

Highgate Little League Meeting: Ryan stated that the sub committee should meet to discuss the season. All star's practice is scheduled to begin. Ryan will try to schedule a meeting on June 14th.

The HRC will hold a special meeting on Thursday, June 10th at 5:15pm via zoom.

The next HRC meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st at 5:30pm in-person.

A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to move into executive session. Seconded by Shari Rainville. All in favor motion carried.

A motion was made by Shari Rainville to exit executive session. Seconded by Ryan Maskell. All in favor motion carried.

Ryan Maskell made a motion to adjourn the Highgate Recreation Commission meeting. Seconded by Shari Rainville. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by

Karen Fortin
Highgate Recreation Commission Secretary