

**Highgate Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 30, 2021**

The Highgate Recreation Commission (HRC) board meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Ty Choiniere. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena

HRC board members in attendance:

Ty Choiniere, Chairman

Ryan Maskell, Vice Chairman

Karen Gagne Fortin, Secretary

Mark Gilbert, Director

Randy Connelly, Director (Zoom)

Shari Rainville, Director

Lee Barrett, Recreation Program Director

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report from the August 16, 2021, meeting was reviewed by all in attendance. Mark asked that the minutes be amended to read the salaried position is equivalent to \$18 per hour. A motion was made by Mark Gilbert to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ryan Maskell. All in favor, motion carried.

Programs Coordinator Report:

Lee presented his report to the HRC

The second Little Tikes basketball session ended, and Lee sent out a survey with all great feedback.

The last of the Friday Flicks on had 25 people in attendance. Lee stated that Dick and Merry Soza donated cotton candy.

Lee stated that Bokan has committed and paid for a single board sign. There are some boards that need to be taken down due to nonpayment and some replaced because of damage.

Rec T-shirts are in for HRC members.

Sunday cornhole has finished. Tim and Craig won for the league.

Pickle Ball had 9 players attend on Thursday as it was raining. Lee would like to hold a tournament in the Spring.

Summer Matters Grant has one more event scheduled. The Inflatable Extravaganza will be held on Sunday, September 12th 11am-1pm at the arena.

Lee would like to plan for a Fall Fest.

Sparkle Klean will be at the arena to clean on September 7th after 9pm and September 8th.

Lee presented information on the Vermont Recreation Conference which will be held on October 13th and 14th. The cost of the conference is \$195 and a room is \$129. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to approve the cost of the conference and room so Lee can attend. Seconded by Randy Connelly. All in favor, motion carried.

Lee will be present during Whitetails on Saturday, September 11th.

Lee will order soccer shirts.

Winter Programming:

Karen stated that we should bring back the Learn To Skate program. Bernie Tremblay had previously mentioned that he would run it. Karen will reach out to Bernie to see if he would still be interested. Karen will get Lee registration forms that have been used previously.

It was also suggested Skate with Santa, an Enforcer game and Skater Tots with the library and pre-school. Ty would like to hold charity Public Skating events to benefit a local charity. It was suggested the first one should go to the food shelf prior to Thanksgiving.

The Christmas Light Contest and Parade needs to be scheduled. Ryan asked if this parade was the HRC or the Highgate Fire Department event to plan.

Fall Sports: Lee has the start date of September 7th.

There are currently 19 1st and 2nd grade players registered. 13 3rd and 4th grade and 16 Pre-School.

Lee will order soccer shirts from Grizzly Graphics.

It was discussed that Spring/Summer program planning should begin in December.

Old Business:

Ty stated that Judy has asked that the contract be amended to state the tables would be in the lobby. It was discussed that it would depend on what the Covid guidelines are and if they change during the season. A motion was made by Mark Gilbert to amend the contract to read the table would be included in the lobby following the Vermont Covid guidelines. Seconded by Shari Rainville. All in favor, motion carried.

Plumer: The plumber came last week, and the urinal should be fixed by Whitetails.

Little League: Ryan stated that all the equipment has been moved to the back bay of the garage. An inventory will need to be taken on equipment.

Ty stated that he has left a message for Trane to schedule the start-up on September 20th.

Ty stated that Tony Maskell has used the Harley rake on the walking path.

Ty stated that a list of jobs and supplies will be provided to the Boys varsity team for September 19th.

New Business:

Lee stated that the stage that was borrowed from the Sheldon School for graduation and Summer Sounds has water damage, and the section of the stage has given away. Lee was asked to contact the Sheldon Principal to see what they would like us to do to replace or repair the stage.

Ty asked Lee to contact Richard Harper for a Summer Sounds recap and future plans.

Men's Hockey League: It was suggested that they pay online to register. They will have ice on Sunday's starting at 5:45pm

Ty stated that the fulltime employee has been approved by the selectboard and the deadline to apply will be September 10th. It has been posted on social media.

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