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Town of Hudson New Hampshire Recreation Committee April 7, 2022 Minutes

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:36PM WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Attendees Present:

Keith Bowen Nicholas Reval
Chrissy Peterson Sean O'Neil
Tom Barrett
Sue Laroche

Attendees Absent:

Cindy Holton, Selectmen Bob Guessferd

PAST MINUTES

Meeting minutes for October 2020 provided by Chrissy Peterson

✓ *Consideration for October 2020 Meeting minutes pass 5-0*

Public Input

None

Report of Officers

None

Director's Report

Department Events during Shutdown Recap—

- Fall Soccer
first sport we offered since the Covid-19 outbreak and successfully survived it. It was not without its amount of issues due to Covid, but all and all it was a great season.
- Tennis in the Parks
Kicked off our new “Tennis in the Parks” program with USTA which was very successful.
- Fright Ride
Teamed up with CHIPS, HPD and HFD to jointly host a Community Fright Ride as a Halloween event at the Hudson Speedway. *This replaced our Halloween Parade.*
- Shoe Sneaker and Cleat Drive
Partnered with the Alvirne High School Booster Club to host a Sneaker, Cleat, and Shoe Drive during our soccer Saturdays.
- 3rd Annual Telethon for the Food Pantry
Joined forces with former Selectman Coutu and Selectman Morin to host the Annual Telethon for the Food Pantry.
- Santa Sleigh Ride through Hudson
 - Hosted a Santa Sleigh Ride through Hudson.
 - My husband Tim Peterson built a beautiful sleigh that we hooked to a trailer and drove through 100 streets in Hudson.
 - Special thanks to Selectmen Morin, who is our secret Santa.
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- Highway 61
Collaborated with Highway 61, which is essentially, an online senior center. This provided our members a way to safely connect during the closure.
- Family Snowman Contest
- Adult and Elderly Financial Exploitation Presentation
Teamed up with Enterprise Bank to host a zoom presentation on Adult Financial Exploitation...A lot of Thanks to David Forman as the driving force behind it,

- Annual Recreation Department Scholarship
 - Offered our annual scholarship.
 - Lara Malizia and Carmen Lapointe were the essay winners'

- Spring Tennis in the Parks

- Care Packages
Collaborated with DCU in Hudson to together put together care packages for our senior center members. Costs were split between the Rec and DCU

- 2nd Annual Easter Bunny Ride By
Hosted the 2nd annual Easter Bunny Ride By

- Outdoor High School Basketball

- Girls Lacrosse Clinic

- Adult Softball

Staff returned to work in May of 2021.

- Over the summer, we participated in the Chamber of Commerce's Scavenger Hunt.

- In July of 2021, we received approval to reopen the Senior Center after the 16-month
 - We conducted a soft opening, which we called programing with a purpose 3 days a week.
 - We have since returned to 5 days a week and are operating fulltime now.

- In August, we hosted a Family Canvas Paint Night....something new and fun. A portion of the proceeds went to our scholarship fund

- We offered our Fall Soccer program September 2021...
 - We began a new program for toddlers we called Little Kickers

- We kicked off a Newsletter, which is something I have wanted to do for years. It is called the REC CONNECT.

- We teamed up with Alvirne students & Athletes, specifically Regina Beals, and hosted another Sneaker and Cleat Shoe Drive

- In September, we hosted our first Wood Door Hanger Night .
 - Pick you sign, paint and stain it. Event sold out.
 - Portion of the proceeds went to the scholarship fund

- In October of 2021 we teamed up with CHIPS and hosted the 2nd annual Fright Ride.
 - We added more stations and were much more organized than the first year.
- Pumpkin Painting and Carving Contest.
 - We received over 60 submissions...a lot of talent in town.
 - Winners received gift cards
- We hosted a holiday themed Woodshop...ton of choices and options.
 - Sold out event.
 - Portion of the proceeds went to the scholarship fund
- Basketball returned this past fall after we received the SAU's approval to utilize the gyms. It was a delayed approval, which allowed us to begin in January, but we made it work.
 - We offered all of our programs including, Rec, instructional, travel, high school league and the adult league.
 - It was not easy season. We had Covid-19 guidance to follow and abide by. Some weeks we did not have enough kids to play due to Covid cases and at one point; we had 80 people in the league under quarantine at the same time.
 - We focused on making changes this year to strength our relationship with the SAU including having closed practices and hall monitors. I sat down early on with Keith, Karen Bonney and others to work together and help one another out. The bottom line is that we rely on the SAU for our basketball program, as well other programs, so it is important to keep the lines of communication open, and help one another out.
- We hosted our 2nd annual Santa Claus Sleigh Ride through Hudson. Selectman Morin was Santa again and is the best one I know. He even braved the snow that day.
- We offered a Canvas Painting class as the Senior Center for the first time.
- We ran a Snowman Contest on the towns remote learning day.
- Lacrosse numbers are down. We have one team this year.
- We are running a new Flag Football League for High School students this spring. Trial program.
- Lori organized a presentation for the seniors prior to voting day. It was a great opportunity for the seniors to learn more about warrant articles and it gave them the opportunity to hear from school board representatives and municipal departments such as HPD.

- As we looked forward to spring, we decided to host another Woodshop event, this one was a Hello Spring themed event.
 - We are currently working on planning our Summer Programs return after being canceled or two years.
 - This Saturday Night is our first Comedy Show since the pandemic. It actually sold out in three days.
 - We opened registration for our spring Tennis Program for both youth and adults.
 - We maxed registration in one day for all levels except 6th-8th grade
 - We currently have adult softball registration open for the men and women's league.
 - We are hosting an Easter Bunny Bash on 4/16. We contemplated hosting another Easter Bunny Ride by, but we concluded that the public is craving some in person events.
 - We opened registration for the event online...it is a free event but we wanted to track numbers.
 - We filled up to 310 the first day.
 - We are setting up a picture station with the Easter bunny, we will have some games, a ton of crafts, good bags and refreshments.
 - We kicked off a Thai Chi class last week at the Senior Center for the first time. Seemed to be a huge hit.
 - Also at the Senior Center, a new Friday class has been added to the lineup since we have jumped to fulltime status, called Mindful Movements. This is a 6-week progression course.
 - Exciting Senior Center news is that trips are being reinstated. Lori and Lucille have been working on the trip lineup and will hold an information presentation on 4/16.
 - Due to the pandemic and not being able to host our annual Comedy Shows, I wanted to try to come up with another way to raise money for the scholarship fund. I tried to think outside the box a little and came up with the idea for a Taste of Hudson's Hot Spot Calendar.
 - We continue to offer indoor and outdoor pickleball at the Community Center and senior Basketball during the day.
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Old Business

None

New Business

None

Election of Officers

None

Closing Remarks

Sean O'Neil – Comments that he is amazed at everything the department hosted during the closure. Commends Chrissy for her efforts.

Sue LaRoche – Shared her thoughts that Chrissy was the best person to fill the director position. She loves seeing all the new programs and events and looks forward to seeing more.

Nick Reval – Notes that the department seems to be running smoothly and successfully. .

Tom Barrett – Shares that some of his sons have been in the basketball program, currently plying in our lacrosse program and signed up for tennis. Tom expresses that things have been running well.

Keith Bowen - Comments that he is amazed by the amount of things that has been going on at the Recreation Department. He shares his thoughts that Chrissy has brought breath of fresh air in town and excitement to the department which ultimately encourages people to come together.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chrissy Peterson

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