

Town of Stratham



Stratham Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes April 2, 2024

- I. At 7:01 pm Kate called the meeting to order.
- II. Members in Attendance-Kate Dardinski, Jessie Hook, Ryan Guerette, Brent Scott, Rebecca Waltz, Allison Knab
Guests- Zach Cherry- Parks and Rec Program Coordinator, Sean Kotkowski- Soccer Board, Seth Hickey- Parks and Rec Director
- III. Sports Board updates-
Baseball update- Kate provided an update on baseball after speaking with Sean Burke. He shared with her the new pitching mounds have arrived and are in the 4-H barn. Drew has received approval for snack shack and batting cage improvements.
Soccer Board-Sean provided update. Spring enrollment currently low, hoping numbers increase. Fall season grades 3 /4 typically have good numbers, teams play Greenland and Newfield's. Grades 5/6 co-ed only play Greenland. Sean explained benefits of joining HYA for grades 5-8.
Kate made a motion to join the HYA soccer program for grades 5-8. Ryan seconded motion. All in favor, motion approved.
Discussed allowing a girl to play on boys' soccer team for spring season.
Discussion on participants playing sports by school grade or birth year and allowing participants to move up or down.
- IV. Treasurers Report-Rebecca updated on the Rec Revolving Fund expenses.
- V. Report of the Stratham Parks and Recreation Director-
Summer camp discussion -Seth updated on a Summer camp registration complaint. Summer camp numbers are limited due to space constraints at SMS.
Gaga ball pit update- it was decided at this time to wait on this project.
Take a kid mountain biking day- Specific date still to be determined, aiming for May.
SHP/TMAC trail work days -Bridge build day 4/6 and 4/13.
- VI. Other business –Discussed having a sports board dedicated RC meeting-Goal to have consistency across all boards and get ahead of planning prior to seasons starting.
- VII. At 8:42 Allison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.