Orange Recreation Committee meeting minutes 8/14/24

Present: Michael Raboin, Ginny Raboin, Dave Gomo, Kevin Wilson, Sheila Stone, Eric Holmgren, Janis Blais, Dirk Anderson and Betzy Bancroft

Meeting was called to order by M Raboin, moderator, at 6:36 PM at the recreation field.

First we discussed adding changing the date of meetings and made a motion to add this discussion to our agenda for this meeting. The change was made because of conflicts with other meetings in town. K Wilson moved, D Anderson seconded, carried.

B Bancroft was selected to record minutes.
J Blais made motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. D Gomo seconded, carried.

K Wilson made motion to change the monthly Rec Committee meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of each month instead of the 2nd, still at 6:30 PM. K Wilson motion, E Holmgren seconded, carried.

<u>Discuss governance policy</u>
Questions raised were: staggered terms? Does the relevant statute require term limits? What happens if there isn't interest from townspeople in joining committee? Number of members? How long terms? Reappoint as needed? Roles & responsibilities of Select Board re: financial, term length? Should we require members to be present at a certain number of meetings?
D Anderson encouraged us to get the policy adopted soon since it had already been pushed to later dates.
Group decided there should be no limits to how long a resident can serve on the Rec Committee, and that resignation from the Committee should be made in writing. Vacancies can be filled as needed, and otherwise all new and continuing memberships in the committee will be approved by Select Board only once per year, at the beginning of the season (spring), for one year terms. The Select Board should have the power to remove Committee members for cause, such as chronic absence from meetings.
The Committee also agreed to update the Governance policy to fix typos.

D Anderson moved to approve these changes to the Governance Policy. K Wilson seconded, carried.
M Raboin moved to add the new meeting date to the Governance Policy. K Wilson seconded, carried.

<u>Gazebo update</u>
The Select Board is waiting on $1800 from FEMA that should arrive any time.
Bids were placed for the roof, and Quality Roofing was awarded the job, going with metal roofing. We are still $2000 short, so perhaps use ARPA funds for the roof and stain? K Wilson informed us we had someone to stain the gazebo, but wasn't given the go-ahead soon enough. This job still needs to be done, in addition to the roof being finished.

<u>Pie for Breakfast</u>
Because 9/7 was already booked at the Town Hall, we changed the date to 10/5 to give us more organizing time and an open schedule date.
Questions included: moving to school? Utensils, plates, etc? Donations of pizza, pies? Beverages? Sell tickets/how to gauge how many people are attending/how many pies? Baking contest? Sign up in town clerk's office? Sign out by the street? Advertise in Front Porch Forum?
Someone is checking on stored plates & utensils. Coffee, water and lemonade will be served, if we need to we can get cheap utensils etc from Sysco.

J Blais nominated G Raboin to organize pie making night, K Wilson seconded, carried.
The group also decided that tickets should be $10 per adult, $5 kids 12 and under, $30 for family of 5 or more, which can include a grandparent.
G Raboin moved that we hold the Pie Breakfast on October 5, K Wilson seconded, carried.

<u>Other fundraising events</u>
Coin drop – J Blais gave an update: need to apply 2 weeks ahead, no solicitations are allowed, only voluntary donations. Suggested date in September so we can use the funds raised to support the Pie Breakfast. K Wilson agreed to find out if this will fall under town's insurance.
Decided the coin drop will be held on 9/14 from 9 am to noon or 1 pm, and we need 4 volunteers to collect money. We also need 28 inch cones and signs. Getting together at 9/4 at the Town Hall at 6:30 pm to finalize coin drop plan, J Blais will run this meeting, which will not be a formal Rec Committee meeting.

Hunter's breakfast – We decided to discuss this at the next meeting in the interest of time.

Calcutta – M Raboin suggested calcutta as another fundraising idea for winter (Jan/Feb) to keep fundraising momentum going. This would be a raffle? Of $100 tickets for two dinners and other prizes.

Car show – At the Recreation field in September

<u>Recreation Field</u>
Group discussed the condition of the shed, dugouts. Plan to ask Select Board about removing the backstop, possibly move the baseball diamond to the far right (SE?) corner of the field to make more space for other events but also still have a place to play baseball. Further discussion tabled to another meeting because it was getting late.

G Raboin nominated E Holmgren to moderate the next meeting. J Blais seconded, carried.

Agenda for 9/18 at 6:30
Call to order
Approve 9/18 agenda
Select secretary
Approve 8/14 minutes
Finalize Governance Policy
Fundraising updates – coindrop, pie breakfast
Discuss hunter's breakfast, calcutta fundraisers
Other business
Select moderator for October meeting
Determine agenda
Adjourn

At 7:55 pm G Raboin motioned to adjourn, J Blais seconded, carried.