

Rec Board Meeting
1/25/2017

Attending: Mark Hreben, Amanda Hreben, Tom Donovan, Adam Woodford, Hannah Flannery, Mandy Poulin, Carrie Knight. Guest, Greg Durgin.

Agenda: Winter Fun Day, Basketball Issues, Greg Durgin input on town meeting/naming committee

Greg Durgin submitted a 2 page document with history and new information regarding naming of the baseball field on Church Road. His proposal is that the field will be named after the Keene family and recognition will be given to others who contributed to the building of the field. In the future, we would like to add more fields, so we voted for a name that includes "park". Keene Memorial Park wins the vote for first choice, Keene Community Recreational Park for a second choice. Eric Dyer will look proposal over and present to select board. A Rec Committee member should be present for that meeting. Select board and Rec board will need to work together.

Basketball: There is an increased conflict between the travel programs and the REC programs. Splitting the teams evenly continues to be a struggle. We have had parent complaints about teams being uneven as far as skill level. We will continue to hold sign-ups with skills and drills to ensure teams are as even as possible. Several parents will not be allowed to coach next year due to extensive complaints. There were issues with obtaining reliable referees for games as well. As it stands now, Readfield is the only town that has insurance for basketball, so all players have to be processed through Readfield. Next year...We need to meet in September and then again in October to prepare for November sign-ups. Basketball games will not start until after thanksgiving.

Winter Fun Day: Carrie talked to Lee at the fire department about dates. Tentative date for Winter Fun Day is March 4th. Ice fishing, Ice skating/hockey, sledding and snowshoeing and cross country skiing. We supply hot chocolate and cookies. Fire department can be a part of the day but we don't want to sell things. If fire department wants out of this arrangement, this is fine.

Commissioners of all sports should be direct members of the board, or they are required to attend Rec meetings during the season. One commissioner per sport per sex. Also, one point person for each town. Again, due to parent complaints, commissioners for all REC sports must be appointed by the committee.

We would like to get the high school involved in our Rec basketball program. Would like to have a coaches meeting with the middle/high school to help with "skills/drills".

Baseball/Softball: Meeting March 1st for this and any Winter Fun Day final details.

Tom Donegan has added \$5000 into the budget, for a storage building to be built at the ball field. Motion accepted by all.

Jada Clark volunteered to be the softball commissioner.