

Richmond Recreation Committee

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR January 5, 2021

Members Present: Chrissy Keating, Kirsten Santor, Kate Anderson, Jack Linn, Rich Roberge, Stefani Hartsfield

Members Absent: Ashley Hanlon, Harland Stockwell, Naomi Hahr, Mark Fausel,

Others Present: Ravi Venkataraman, Justin Graham (RiseVT), Trish Healy, and Martha Nye

Kirsten Santor opened the meeting at 7:11 pm.

New Business:

Kirsten received an email from Katie Mather regarding the Better Places Project. Katie will present her proposal to us at a future meeting, but the project supports gardening of publicly owned land. The project timeline, if approved, will be late spring-August 2021.

Rich Roberge was officially voted into the Recreation Committee by the Select Board. Rich will be replacing Martha Nye as a regular member. Martha will continue to participate in the committee meetings as a community advisor.

Kirsten received an email from someone interested in offering ice skating lessons on the Town Green community ice rink. Lessons would be offered January 18- February 22.

Committee discussed and decided not to pursue this program opportunity at this time due to COVID restrictions. We will review again for next winter.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:

Motion by Chrissy to approve the December 17th meeting minutes, seconded by Stefani.

Voting: unanimous.

Motion carried.

Internship update:

The internship description has been submitted to UVM, Champlain, and St. Michael's College. The application deadline is January 22nd.

If members have contacts at other universities/colleges, please reach out to the Action Team with the information.

The initial application review will be within a small group.

Top candidates will be reviewed by all committee members.

Rules of Procedure Proposal:

The Committee reviewed the Rules of Procedure Proposal.

Key Takeaways:

- Members would like to adopt the proposal so we lay the groundwork for committee member expectations.
- We want our meetings to be inclusive and accessible to all members.
- Stefani made a motion to accept rules of procedure as presented. Kate seconded.

All opposed. Motion did not carry.

- Committee members determined that more edits need to be made to the document.
- Stefani proposed changing language under Rule 16, A) Voting powers shall be for regular members. If a regular member is absent, an alternate member shall take their place as a regular member for the duration of the absence.
- Changes to Rule 6: If a regular member is absent, an alternate shall take their place as a regular member for the duration of the absence.
- Consider removing Rule 8.
- Kirsten and Ravi will review and bring the proposal back to the next meeting for approval.

Updates from Working Groups:

Action Now:

- Justin and Kirsten worked on securing the Rise VT grant funds for the Richmond Library Snowshoe Lending Program.
Grant funds up to \$1,500.
Working on purchasing snowshoes. Currently many retailers have limited stock.
- Justin and Kirsten also secured up to \$500 to support the Browns Court design and planning project. It is up to committee members how the money will be spent.

Adjournment:

Kirsten will send next month's meeting agenda and zoom link a week before the meeting. She will also inquire who will be attending.

Motion by Chrissy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stefani.

Voting: unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Keating