

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 2-25-26

Attending: Members Dan Post, Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, and Stefan Topolski, Cowell Director Grace Thorne, and guest Bodhi Kraus

1--- Call to order

- * Dan appointed secretary pro-tem
- * January 21st meeting minutes approved.

2--- Updates/reports/program check-ins

- * Cowell Director's report (as submitted by Grace)

1. The mini-splits are currently working and are the main source of heat in the building. There are no mini splits in the bathrooms so they are still at a colder temperature than the rest of the building.

2. One of the circulator pumps on the oil heating system was leaking when turned on. Hartnett Plumbing fixed that issue.

3. There was another bathroom drain clog that overflowed while I was away. That was fixed with John Walsh and Hartnett plumbing.

4. During the week of Feb 16th someone from pickleball deposited \$800 dollars to Angel, our town treasurer. I do not know what dates that money is for. Angel said they were not comfortable leaving that much money in the Cowell Gym dropbox. I plan to reach out to pickleball to tell them if they are depositing that large of an amount they should set up a time to deposit that money to me, which I will deposit to Angel immediately after. Angel shouldn't be receiving deposits directly from program participants.

- * Cowell Youth Winter Program – will end on March 12th

- * 18 and over basketball – eight to ten on average

* Pickleball – seems to be running smoothly. Eight new players in the past six weeks. New session to explore new format will run on Wednesday, March 4th. Dan will get a list of emails and towns of pickleball players.

- * Ping pong – doing well on Wednesday nights

* Skating – Stefan has reduced the size of the rink, now 25' by 25', it was 40' by 50' in previous years. The reduced size of the rink, coupled with the use of an industrial fogger, has made making the rink much less labor intensive and should require less water. Stefan stopped using a tarp some years back and just sprays the water directly on his lawn. (Using the tarp proved problematic because the temperatures did not stay cold enough to keep the water in the tarp frozen.) Neighbor Tom Johnson has been clearing the rink with his snow blower.

- * Volleyball – getting only 2-3 players; need 4 to make it work

3--- Ongoing/new business

* Program policies/expectations - we began a discussion on expectations of the committee for how programs should be run. Dan provided an initial document that the committee edited. Dan will take the changes and present a revised document at the next meeting. Once completed we'll focus on priorities for allocating gym time coupled with a discussion of the committee's goals and priorities.

* TAB room/gym floor – Norman will check with John to see where we are in terms of the TAB room rebuild, and he will send Grace the information Mary Lou put together for the committee last winter on the gym floor. Norman will also meet with Dara, the town accountant, to clarify the funds available and when they need to be spent by.

4--- Next meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 pm