

January 9, 2011

To: Lovell Recreation Committee

Re: Lovell Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2010

Attendance: Michael Mendonca, Joe Moody, Alison Wolfe, Kim DeSanctis, Cliff Brown, Ron Shorey, Sarah Rose, Tom Rose, Paul Armington, Linda Dunlea, Dave Powers and Jackie Lounsbury

I. Old Business

- A. The 11/11/10 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written...
- B. Treasurer's Report: Linda reported all transactions since our last meeting with an ending balance of \$12,855.86.
- C. Outcome and Announcements:
 - 1. Gaspig Gobbler: very successful...over twice as much raised as last year. Approx. 91 registered and 87 finished. Ann did a great job with the food at the VFW. Also, the committee discussed the pros and cons of buying our own timing machine versus paying a professional timer. Ultimately, it was determined that the machines require a great deal of technical expertise and we are better off for now hiring a timer.
 - 2. Winter Programs: almost all are up and running. Gr. 2-3 Basketball begins on Sat. Ski program begins on Jan. 5 and over 20 have signed up. Basketball teams and Cheerleaders have new uniforms as well. Indoor Soccer is on hold until mid January. Wrestling has many new participants- approx. 15 have registered.
- D. Year Talley & Warrant Letters: Michael passed out spreadsheets with enrollment numbers from each town over the course of 2010. Overall participation was down by approx. 70, but it was also noted the LR no longer has the LEAP program. Michael also read aloud the letter he is submitting to Lovell.
- E. Rec. Annual Budget Meeting: according to By-Laws, the meeting needs to occur sometime this month before the new year. The officers set a date to meet after the committee meeting.
- F. End of Year Expenses & Balance Predictions:
(did I miss something here???)
The committee discussed making scholarships more available as families are facing many financial difficulties. It was noted that it is not just paying to register for a program that is difficult for families, but also transportation and finding free time to take children to the programs as well. Also, discussed was the possibility of having instructional skiing at the new Lake Kezar Trails instead of King Pine. Michael said he would look into the possibility of having someone else maintain trails and/or instruct as well. He also said LR is doing a fantastic job fundraising- approx. \$6-8,000 annually.

II. New Business

- A. Lake Kezar Country Club Nordic Ski Trails: the beautifully hand-painted sign done by Roger Williams was in the Rec. Building at the time of the meeting ready to be taken to the trails. Michael plans to hang the sign between or beyond the tree line with Ron's help. The sign will be on a mobile stand so that it can be taken down in the off-season. A donation box is still needed.
- B. January Rec. Officer Elections: to occur at next month's meeting...
- C. March Town Meeting: Michael would like to go to the town meeting, but the Winter Carnival is the same day. He is going to set up as much the day before as he can. The committee urged Michael to delegate WC duties and go to the meeting, as his presence representing LR is important.
- D. Other: Cliff asked why Michael does not have the coaches' appreciation holiday party anymore. Michael said it was a busy time of year and it was an expensive party both for LR and him personally. Instead, LR has been giving the coaches stipends and that seems to be working well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Notes taken by Jackie Lounsbury