

## **Pomfret Recreation Commission Minutes of December 14, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Jen called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

**Members Present:** Katie Bloom, Mark Howdle, Steve Kulig, Bev Champany, Jen Hudock

**Others Present:** N/A

**Members Absent:** Alexis Griffin, Muriel Mrakovich; Mary Collins

**Others Not Present:** Barbara Gagnon (Rec. Director), Carrie Wolfe (Asst. Rec. Director)

**Approval of Minutes:** Steve made a motion to approve our last minutes from October 12th. Bev seconded. All approved.

### **Previous Business:**

- **Adult Learn to paint class** (Christmas truck design) was held on 11/18; went very well, 8 people attended
- **Kids Holiday learn to paint** scheduled for 11/19 was cancelled due to low enrollment
- **Make your own earrings and leather bracelet class** was held on 11/12/22; went well with 5 people attending
- **The trip to NYC** held on 11/26 was full with a wait list. Trip shared with Woodstock Rec.
- **Make your own wooden pen class** was held on 12/3/22; very well attended with all spots being filled

### **Current / Upcoming Programs:**

- **Men's over 30 Basketball:** Monday nights runs until the end of March, 2023; good turnout.
- **Winter Cribbage League:** Tuesday nights at the Community Center – they are full!
- **Winter Pitch League:** Cancelled as only 2 or 3 signed up
- **Family Ice Skating:** Doing well. It started on December 4th and runs through February 26th. We have now started to make some money on the program!
- **Letters from Santa:** Letters being sent out; Thursday is the last day to receive letters with time for us to send one back
- **Jingle Bell Hop:** Friday, 12/16/22. Program runs from 6:30 to 7:45
  - Set up to being around 3:30
  - We have some 8<sup>th</sup> graders to help with games.
  - Commission members attending: Jen, Bev, Mark, Alexis and Katie
  - Carrie's husband has volunteered to play Santa
  - People needed for crafts (we have lots), stick on tattoos, games and concessions (concession people will serve snacks and drinks)
  - Check-in: Katie volunteered to check people in and collect walk in \$ at the door

- **Pho Soup Class:** scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Community Center; very close to being full.
- **Pomfret Pollywogs basketball:** starts in January and runs for 6 weeks on Saturday mornings – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Expected to be held be April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Wolf Den State Park is not available to us for the Easter Egg Hunt
    - Mark spoke with Matthew Quinn (Park and Forest Supervisor 3) to discuss issues that is preventing us from utilizing the Wolf Den campground. The main issue was the parking situation and suggested there is only enough parking for 20 cars. He was open to suggestions.
    - Could we coordinate with the town to arrange buses to shuttle folks across, from say the school?
  - Other potential sites were discussed:
    - New England Laborer's Training Academy
    - Audubon
    - Mashamoquet Brook State Park

### **New Business:**

- Future Program Ideas:
  - Barbara is working on getting more cooking classes for February and some new spring painting classes in March
  - Women's self-defense (Quest Martial Arts in Thompson)
  - Burlap and Boards (porch signs)
  - Quilling class
  - Bring your own crafts social event
  - Another pen making class with the NE Woodworker's guild in March or April
  - Barbara is sending a letter to the Pomfret Rod and Gun club in Feb. for another Fishing Derby.
- The Recreation Budget and Park Budget will be expected in January for submittal to the First Selectmen and Board of Finance.
  - Barbara is going to ask for more hours for Carrie as next year will be her last year and she needs to know more about how the dept. runs in order to help the next director.
- The Annual Report will be due early next year as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Bloom  
Secretary