

Francestown Recreation Commission
Minutes of March 11, 2024 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Bob Bitterli. Present Bob Bitterli, Lily Woodbury, Pam Berry and Anna Jo Dingman. Joined by Ellien Laramée-Byers at 6:15

Minutes were approved, moved by Bob and seconded by Pam.

Anna Jo Dingman from the Conservation Commission presented a proposal for us to cosponsor a BioBlitz event, inventorying flora and fauna in an area of the Town Forest, off Greenfield Road, May 11, 10 am. BioBlitz kits will be on hand for all ages. Marcy will coordinate with ConCom.

Yoga and Line Dancing are going well, afternoon games will be discontinued. Game night will shift to outdoor games.

Speaker Series hosted by Sam Fienberg will continue. Cyrena Arnold will speak in March, FLT's Larry Ames and Ben Haubrich in April and Poetry/writing in May.

Francestown Women dinner has over 100 RSVPs. Plated dinner, prepared by men. Pam Storher will entertain with her harp, Marsha Dixon will do welcome. Bob will meet with the cooks. He has purchased plates, etc. Marcy has ordered table clothes. The women's committee will decorate.

The first Community Supper, arranged by Lori Hardwick Way will be hosted by the Hardwick family the first Thursday, April 4.

Bob will continue to head up newspaper publicity and Pam will carry on with FB and posters and the town website.

Young writers will meet on the 15th and maybe April 16, 6-8:30.

Mother and Toddler meets on Wednesday. Small group, perhaps coordinate with the library that has one on the same day.

Science Fair is on the 15th, 10 – 12.

Market Support: Pam reported that she needs money for advertising which was approved. She suggested getting Businesses to sponsor music and entertainment. We need yard signs. People using the space on Saturdays must not start setup until after 7:30 or when the vendors have packed up and gone. Pam will speak to Gary about TDF.

Coffee Houses is going well but need more storage space, Bob will find cabinets for storage.

Chili Cookoff was a success.

Easter Egg Hunt is set for 10 am start. Sam has purchased fancy eggs and will be the bunny.

Fishing Derby in May is in the capable hands of Bob Rokes. We will help if asked.

Fourth of July , Ellien will research Fire Show.

Youth Soccer with Lily will start in the fall.

Pickle Ball Tournament will be on the 4th of July.

We discussed Pony rides at the market as suggested by Sarah Carter , but there is a problem with liability and insurance. Bob and Pam will research liability insurance.

We have openings for two new board members. Bob will include this in his article for the FTN and Pam will put up on FB.

WE will have a thank you event for Sam who is leaving the board but will continue help. He will be missed.

Bob moved and Ellien seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Tripp Graham