



Richmond Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022, 6:00 PM

via Zoom

Present: Jeff Konowitch, Chair; Doug Bruce; Mike Harke.

Jeff opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

- Minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

Tennis/pickleball court repair and alteration:

Jeff met with Town and Adeline Ellis to discuss the project. Ellis is fundraising to complete the project; she was encouraged to form a group for that purpose. The Committee will purchase nets to be stored at the court; Mike will research cost of 2 nets. The Committee may purchase another bench for the court, but no decision was reached. Repairs to the bulletin board at the court may be needed.

The Committee discussed the project, concerns about perceived “creep” of the project (originally only the painting of lines, then repairs plus equipment), and how to limit the scope of the Committee’s commitment. There are adequate funds this year but in subsequent years, a formal, defined application may be needed for a project like this.

Gym scheduling:

The gym is now available on Thursday evenings.

The 16-18 year-old basketball program will use the gym on Sunday evenings and perhaps another day during the week as well.

Financials:

\$3,750 from FY '21 (allocated to tennis court repairs)

\$3,658.33 from FY '22

\$4,556.93 in the revolving account

A deposit of receipts from the basketball program should occur this month.

New members:

All members need to think of candidates for the Committee.

Website:

No update.

Youth basketball:

The program will continue until April 2. A banquet is proposed for lunchtime after the last day of practice.

Jeff will work with the coaches to order t-shirts and medals for the participants.

Table tennis tournament:

Scheduled for the evening of April 8. Registration at 5 and games begin at 6. Jeff will spread the word through the Town and RCS newsletters and through players from prior years. To provide further information about the event, it may be possible to place on the flier a link to pdf hosted by RCS or Town.

Set up for the event will be at 3pm on April 8. Each of us needs to find a couple volunteers to help set up.

The PTA has expressed interest in piggybacking on the event with activities of their own. The Committee discussed pros and cons and decided that adding one simple activity like a movie would be acceptable. Doug will discuss with Errin Roney of PTA.

Richmond running race:

The event is proposed for Saturday June 4 at Colonial Acres. Registration may begin at 8:30 with events starting at 9.

Jeff will ask Rick if he is will help organize the event.

Doug will draft a proposal to use as a permit application to the Selectboard. Concurrent with an application, outreach to neighbors will be necessary.

New business:

Possible fundraiser for Berkshire Humane Society in honor of John Reynolds:

Jeff proposed to honor the late John Reynolds through some Town sponsored event at which the public would be encouraged to donate to BHS. Mike suggested something like a doggy agility demonstration to be held on the soccer field at the school. Timing not

nailed down, perhaps May or June. Jeff will double-check with school that dogs would be ok on the property.

Installation of “mutt-mitt” dispensers:

Mike suggested the installation of mutt-mitt dispensers to encourage dog-walkers to pick up poop. Dispensers would have signage with Committee name on it. Committee will brainstorm places to install dispensers: begin an email thread on this topic.

Next meeting: Monday, April, 4 6:00 pm, via Zoom.

Minutes prepared by Doug Bruce, 3/8/2022