

Recreation Committee
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Members Present: Heidi Richards, Kathy Hogue, Courtney Hardwick, Ginifir Giddinge, Ansley Newton, Coren Wheeler

1. Meeting was called to order 6:30pm. Minutes of February 8, 2022, and April 13, 2022 , were both approved as written.
2. Recreation Committee budget discussion: \$1,000 was raised at Town Meeting (June 2022) to be put in a Recreation Committee account. This will need to be spent by Town Meeting in June 2023, or it would go back in to surplus. Each year, this committee would make a budget request using the budget process (submitting to the Budget Committee to be put on town warrant). Money would be voted on at Town Meeting. In addition, the committee has a non-lapsing account for fundraising and donation monies. Any monies to be spent must be put on Select Board AP warrant to be approved at their meeting. Checks would then be issued by our Town Administrator.
3. Potluck and Pumpkins – Community Event scheduled for October 8, 2022 5-7pm.
 - a. Bring your own eating dishes and utensils and a potluck dish to share.
 - b. Cider and water will be provided by the committee. Kathy will get cider, Ansley will provide water jugs.
 - c. Ansley will provide extra paper plates and utensils for those who may not bring their own.
 - d. Ansley will provide tablecloths for the food tables. Kathy will talk with Becky to see if we could order white paper for table cloths. We will provide crayons on the tables for “inspired” artwork.
 - e. Tables will be set up in Voting Room with outside seating on the side lawn.
 - f. Heidi will bring a string of lights for outside tables.
 - g. We will bring some power strips for crockpots.
 - h. Food tables will be set up in foyer – dessert tables in Voting Room.
 - i. Kathy will bring battery candles for the pumpkins.
 - j. The event will be in the Pownal Town News~Letter and Kathy will put some posters up.
 - k. Set up will be Saturday morning or Friday night? We will ask Matt Nielsen and road crew to help move tables.
4. Kathy reported that the Big Brads Ultra race would be happening again this October. Since this is a repeat event with no changes, their request went directly to the Select Board for their approval at a regularly scheduled meeting.
5. Municipal sign discussion: Becky Taylor-Chase (TA) asked the Recreation Committee for some feedback and research on what a municipal sign might be. Heidi reported that

she had found a product called Vestaboard which is electronic but with flip board letters and numbers. This has a much better look than the neon type of electronic signs and would fit better with the historic style and nature of Mallett Hall. However, when last Heidi spoke to a representative, they were not very big and were made for indoors only. Some considerations as we do our research and make a recommendation:

- a. Can we find a happy medium that will fit with our historic building, electronic but not too neon
 - b. Can it be on a timer so that it can shut off at night to reduce light pollution?
 - c. If not electronic, who would change the sign? This is important for the sign to be effective.
 - d. What size sign would be needed and how many events would we want/need to post all at once?
 - e. If electronic, keep it basic, having a wooden frame, etc.
 - f. Committee members will do some independent research to see what else might be out there. Heidi will recheck with Vestaboard and Kathy will check in with Bailey Sign.
6. Pownal Pumpkin Festival 2023? The committee agreed that we would begin the process to revive the Pumpkifest for October 2023. A meeting in early December will be held for all those interested for the initial discussion (Ansley goes to Florida for the winter and we wanted to have this meeting so she could attend before she leaves).
7. Other
- a. Ansley asked if we would be trying again for the Remote Participation Policy for the Recreation Committee. Kathy will check with Becky to see when there would be a public hearing coming up that we could piggyback on.
 - b. Heidi suggested that we start meeting on a regular monthly schedule. We'll try the 4th Wednesday of the month. The next few meetings will be: September 28, October 26, and November 30 (this will be Pumpkifest meeting). no meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned, 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Hogue