

Ludlow Recreation Committee  
November minutes  
November 7, 2017 5 p.m.  
Ludlow Community Center

Sue Pollender called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m

Members present: Sue Pollender, Joe Gurdak, Leslie Boyle, Heather Tucker, Howie Paul

I. Comments from citizens: none

II. Approval of minutes from September. Motion to approve from Joe Gurdak. Howie Paul seconded.

III. Directors Report. Howie reported to the committee; Open gym is well attended after school now that soccer season has ended. The last two weeks has seen 50 plus participants. A lot of kids trying to get a jump on basketball, while others are just there for hanging out and socializing.

Fitness center has seen a drop in numbers since the opening of Drew's Gym in town which is open 24/7 and had comparable rates to ours. The fitness center is open Monday through Friday 7a.m -8p.m. and weekends 10a.m. - 3p.m.

Black River Rugby qualified to participate in NERFU. So far the team is 6-1 this fall.

Southern VT Tennis League under direction of Willie Kennedy have put away their rackets for the winter. They played all summer and fall at Dorsey Park and in inclement weather at Jackson Gore.

Pickup basketball is played on Tuesday nights from 6p.m.- 8p.m. Averaging around 12 players each week, this program runs thru the winter.

The youth soccer program ended on October 27th at Pullinen Field under the lights. Although numbers were down we were able to put competitive teams on the field in each division. The biggest issue this season was finding coaches. Howie has talked to the school about having seniors coach as part of their community service project, West Rutland does this and it seems to work and it might be worth a try.

The community center continues to see a lot of use with different clubs and organizations using the spaces for meetings. The high school is also using the facility for PE classes.

With winter approaching Volleyball and indoor soccer will be starting in early November.

The skate park had an amazing season. This summer the skaters/ scooters/ bikers really took pride in their park keeping it clean and policing themselves. The use of the facility continues to grow and Steve Stengel and Jerry Tucker Jr continue to expand the facility adding new ramps and obstacles that keep people coming back.

Dorsey Park field had its winter fertilizing on October 30th and will be closed the first week of November.

IV. Old Business

We will revisit the possibility of a dog park with Cavendish.

V. New Business

Basketball sign-ups will be going out shortly. There will be no bussing to games this season.

The annual Turkey Trot for tots will be combined with a Mary Ann Gagner scholarship fundraiser and all toys collected will be donated in her memory.

VI. Next meeting January 9, 2018 at 5pm. at the community center.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m. Leslie Boyle moved to adjourn. Joe Gurdak seconded.

Sue Pollender  
Patricia Rumrill  
Joe Gurdak  
Leslie Boyle  
Heather Tucker

\*minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Tucker