

Ludlow Recreation Committee
August meeting minutes
August 8, 2017 5 p.m.
Ludlow Community Center

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

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

I. Comments from citizens: none

II. Approval of minutes: June and July minutes will be approved. Motion to approve from Patty. Joe Gurdak seconded.

III. Directors Report. Howie reported to the committee; The Summer Youth camp ends on Friday, August 11th. Numbers were down from last year (70 campers a day) to 30-35 campers a day. Other than the low numbers camp went extremely well this summer Summer High School Boys Basketball Program headed up by coach Donald Richards has ended for the summer. They had a 5-2 record. They played Monday and Wednesday against Springfield, Green Mountain, Leland and Gray and West Rutland.

Boys and Girls Summer Soccer: Each of the two teams played a ten game schedule with weekly home games at Fletcher Fields and Sunday home games played at Dorsey Park. The girls team had 26 participants, whereas the boys struggled to field a team and had to recruit players from other towns and graduated seniors to field 11. Bruce Schmidt and Chris Miele coached the teams respectively.

Swimming lessons are being offered at Jackson Gore. There are lessons on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Parents have to stay during the lesson. Lessons are taught by Red Cross Certified water safety instructors. We have 10 swimmers in level 1&2 and 4 swimmers in Level 3&4. At the end of the six-week session each participant receives a Red Cross Progress Report The summer concert series are going well, with only 1 concert so far having to be moved to town hall because of weather. Concerts are Sunday evenings at the gazebo from 7-8p.m. Attendance for the concert is around 47, possibly a new location would increase attendance.

Babe Ruth baseball was combined with Chester this year where home games and practices played in both Chester and Ludlow. There were 17 players on the roster, averaging 9 -10 at games because of family vacations. The ended the season with a record of 4-10.

American Legion Baseball is a new program and the turnout has been good. There are 14 boys from Ludlow, Chester and Springfield. This is fully funded by Ludlow's Post 36. It is an intense schedule with 21 games in 34 days. The coaches for the team were Howard Paul and Jim O'Neil. It was a great learning experience for the players.

The Black River Rugby Team had a very good season, winning their first tournament of the year. The team practices at Fletcher Fields. They recently participated in the Can-am Tournament in Lake Placid, New York where they took an impressive 3rd!

There are 4 teams participating in Co-ed softball. The season ends on Tuesday, April 8th. We are looking to expand and build more teams for next summer.

Willie Kennedy holds a Tuesday and Thursday evening Adult Tennis clinic at Dorsey Park. It has been well attended.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

From The Ground Up has installed the sod at Dorsey Park.

Fletcher Fields have been lined for soccer season. Teams will be using Fletcher Fields more for practice.

Joe Gurdak made a motion to advise Howie to close Dorsey Field until September 1 to maintain good field conditions for games.

Patty Rumrill seconded.

The idea of a town pool at the west hill site was discussed. Howie is going to approach Frank Heald about it.

There is a BRMSHS Booster club meeting on August 28th at the Ludlow community center at 6p.m.

VI. Next meeting September 12, 2017 at 5pm. at the community center.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. Patty Rumrill moved to adjourn. Joe Gurdak seconded.

Sue Pollender
Patricia Rumrill
Joe Gurdak
Leslie Boyle
Heather Tucker

*minutes respectfully submitted by Heather Tucker