Town of Kensington Kensington Recreation and Social Committee (KRSC) September 8, 2022 Public Meeting, Town Hall 5:00 pm

Attending:

Courtney Brady, KRSC Member Donna Carter, KRSC Member Sarah Turcott, KRSC Member Lili Spinosa, KRSC Member Jessica Minghella, KRSC Member Sarah Hoffmaster, Summer Camp Coordinator

Meeting opened at 5:04 pm.

Summer Camp Wrap-Up: Sarah Hoffmaster attended this meeting to provide closing statements on the status of summer 2022 camp. The desire to host field trips was discussed and will be planned for summer 2023 (trips were unable to be scheduled during 2022 camp weeks due to bus shortages and related high cost of services). Sarah discussed the need to have an Associate Director assigned to oversee the Middle School campers and ensure they have separate activities from the Elementary aged campers. We discussed implementing online registration for summer 2023. Sarah spoke to the very positive feedback she received overall to the 2022 summer camp sessions, and each themed week appeared to be well executed and received by the campers.

Old Home Days Wrap-Up: The full day of varying activities ensured events were hosted for residents of all ages and brought the community back together after the past couple years of COVID hiatus. During this meeting, the KRSC members discussed adding a BINGO event and to designate specified time periods for the younger kids to explore the obstacle bouncy house safely. Also discussed was the unfortunate start time to the fireworks, as the firework company adhered to the time of dusk, 20mins earlier than was specified on the event flier. The 2023 OHD flier will post the fireworks to start at dusk, to ensure all residents can watch this spectacular show. KRSC will also create posters to be visible throughout the park, detailing the schedule of events.

Ski Club (snowboarding and skiing): Sarah Turcott-Hall is working with Courtney Preneta to bring this club back again! The plan is to host the program on Thursday evenings at McIntyre in Manchester, NH for the beginner skiers, and a secondary program at Gunstock in Gilford, NH for more experienced skiers in 4th/5th grade. Estimates for busing to Gunstock are currently being obtained, as Gilford is ~75min drive. More details to be shared shortly.

Halloween Update: KRSC is awaiting a response from Alnoba to determine if a Halloween event will be planned. Also briefly discussed was the intention to again host the Pumpkin Halloween Stonewall event, with jack o' lanterns lining the stonewall by the Congregational Church, on 31-Oct-22.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.

The Kensington Recreation and Social Committee has moved their regular meetings to the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall; this is subject to change based on the members' availability. The public is always welcome to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for 06-Oct-22, 5pm, at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Minghella