

CITY OF BARRE

PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

Committee/board: Recreation Committee

Date of meeting: February 7, 2022

Location of meeting: Virtual

Committee members in attendance: Kelly Ross, Brett Rubinate, Stephanie Quaranta, Janelle Starr

Committee members absent: Linda Couture, Nancy Wolfe

Topic(s) Discussed (use additional sheets as necessary):

The committee received an update on the winter B.O.R. programs. All groups were able to hold their programs this year. The Figure Skating Show will be held on February 13 and the Ike Lee Tournament is scheduled for February 12 & 13. The new software is working but has been a learning curve.

Mask mandates were put in effect for all City buildings. The BYSA basketball program completed their season with round robin type of games. The Mutuo Club sponsored open basketball on Sundays and there were two very dependable adult volunteers who supervised and made sure masks were worn. We had a few men's basketball teams rent the AUD for their program this winter.

Coming in the future will be a Pickleball clinic with drop in times. Three nets were purchased that will be set up in the AUD. At this time we have just completed a Bridal Fair and Gun Show and have a MMA match coming up. The VPA basketball tournaments will be the next large events. The Pickleball program will be an asset next fall and winter.

The Annual Egg Hunt will be back and outdoors this year. The event is April 16, 2022. Board members were asked for suggestions on items to make the hunt fun. Several great ideas were shared and will be researched.

The swimming pool will be open this summer and we were able to extend grant funding that will assist in the cost of Lifeguard Training certification for those who are hired and willing to work the entire summer. Funding will also be available to assist with some pool admission scholarships. The camps last year were successful as the fees were greatly reduced due to the Summer Matters For All grant. That grant opportunity was for last summer.

Roundtable: Kelly Ross inquired about volunteer opportunities for high school students at the VPA tournaments and noted she was aware of students looking for volunteer hours that we could use for our Egg Hunt. Brett Rubinate provided us with some great egg hunt suggestions. Janelle Starr has offered to help with a brochure and any flyers. She is also experienced with digital marketing, etc.

Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.