

Millinocket Recreation Commission

Meeting 2/12/25

Present: Tom, Rick, Sue, Cody (Rec director), Amber (Community Initiatives Director)

Absent: Andrew, Amanda, Stephanie

No quorum - discussion at 9:00am

Review of Minutes: No review/vote of minutes, review set for next meeting.

Discuss programs:

Cody - Youth basketball and cheer will be wrapping up with a couple more tournaments through March. We hosted the Katahdin Region Invitational basketball tournament with the help of many volunteers, already looking forward to next year. Our next senior dinner will be on February 24th and will be Chicken Pot Pie. Also a reminder that we have our Senior Social event on Wednesdays from 9am to 11am at the rec hall in East with cards, coffee, and cribbage. There are several activities coming up with Winterfest starting this Friday February 14th with a snowmobile parade and bonfire/hot cocoa/hot dogs at Veterans Memorial Park, Library Vacation Camp, kids days, and more. We may be closing the rink on Thursday and Friday due to the cold temps and high winds, and focus more on the parade instead. We predict low numbers that day due to the weather, but will give us time to get the rink ready for Saturday. Snowdown on Sunday is unfortunately looking like it may be impacted. We are supposed to get a foot of snow, and will be focusing efforts on Monday to get the rink ready for the rest of the week with our planned maintenance days.

We have upcoming programming such as the mother/son and father/daughter dance, easter egg hunts, and the spring/summer program. Stay tuned for more information soon. We are also getting into summer planning for employment, with applications out soon after February break.

Winter Recreation:

Cody - We are finally getting snow, and anticipate more sliding at the hills and snowmobile traffic in the community. There is more progress on the ski tow site as well. The computer/drive component that was brought as a replacement did work, and there was no drop in voltage that we were concerned may affect it working or not. There are additional items that need to be done to get inspected such as fencing installed around the bottom drive. We received more components for the second panel needed at the top of the drive for a safety shut off. The break-a-way gate was installed at the top temporarily, but needs to be properly installed, as well as signage. We don't anticipate it being open this season, but will be ready for next winter. Will (company) is also working to get his credentials to inspect the site.

Tom - Do we need a state inspection? Cody replied that we do need to meet ANSI standards, which we did cover a lot with Will for what we would need to pass. Will has the contact info for another inspector, but may be able to approve us. However it doesn't look the best if the installer also certifies the site, but

Will is comfortable with the inspector as well. Can provide additional info on that soon, and we also can order signage from the company that has set safety notifications. We have a post ready for signage. Noting we also need to get a heater in that hut, or should have been one but there is not. Either propane or electric. Referenced if Amber had any additional info.

Amber - Noted there should be a propane hookup, and Cody notes there isn't one. The company should be liable for the lack of that install and Cody will double check the site and let Amber know.

Cody notes we will also need a vent installed if we do propane, as well as an additional dedicated circuit. This might be a good opportunity to get an electric heater since the space is small and we didn't have a voltage drop. Tom also notes that we would need to put in a fuel detector if we use propane. There are some other worksite materials and adjustments needed to make it ergonomically friendly to work in. Given all this the Spring will be a good time to get some final pieces installed.

Rick - Asked to confirm during senior dinners if you need to bring your own utensils or takeout container. Cody notes that's correct but if you are without we can provide them paper plates and utensils.

Committee Concerns:

None

Next meeting: March 12th 9:00am

Discussion ended at 9:30am