

Weld Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 7, 2025

The meeting began at 6pm in the multipurpose room.

In attendance: Julie Jervis, David Jervis, Lynda Redmond, Lise Bofinger, Martha Vining, Dennis Cleasby, Maddy Bujold.

Dennis Cleasby brought forward an idea to do a pollinator awareness project in town called "Protect Our Pollinators". This will be a community art project led by Dennis in which the children in town are invited to paint small murals of different pollinators to be temporarily displayed around town. This idea was supported by the group and we went ahead and scheduled two painting days in the multipurpose room. Painting will take place September 13th and 14th starting at 2pm in the multipurpose room. Julie will make flyers. Along with painting the murals we hope to add a small learning aspect and hand out facts and information on each pollinator. Dennis will donate scrolls of canvas and weld rec already has many brushes and acrylic paint. We will need to further discuss where the murals will be displayed in town: Tennis court, skoolhouse by the playground, library, state park, etc?

Ongoing groups updates:

Weld Observer will have a slightly higher printing cost which was supported by the group.

Participation waivers are now to be signed by anyone who goes to a weld rec promoted exercise class.

A motion was made and passed to reimburse Laurie Pratt \$125 for the extra tee shirts she purchased for the line dancing group for any future members who join the classes. The Tumbledown Tackers will start meeting again on September 8th and continue to meet the second Monday of each month again.

The Harmonies of Weld will hopefully start up again soon so they can play at Veteran's Day and Christmas party.

Rec Space Committee is gathering information, checking with the state, and getting quotes from contractors.

Budget Update:

A motion was made and passed to write a \$25 check to both the Webb Lake Association and the Historical Society for "renting" the table space for both lemonade stands.

A current balance ledger for Weld Rec was circulated. As of August 5, 2025 we have \$4005.83 in our account. So far this year we have spent \$3380.09 and we have raised \$3584.31.

Colleen came into the meeting to let us know that the Kawanhee Boys Camp came into the office and donated \$50 to Weld Rec because they knew some of the boys were taking baked goods and not leaving "adequate" donations at lemonade stand. Julie will contact Ashley about reimbursing her for spotify. Julie has receipts to give Ina.

Review of recent events and leftovers:

The totals for recent events were given as follows:

Lake Day Lemonade: \$483.00 = donations. \$113.32 = cost. \$369.68 = profit.

Heritage Day Lemonade: \$632.21 = donations. \$113.33 = cost. \$518.88 = profit.

Pancake Breakfast: \$1336.00 = donations. \$270.64 = cost. \$1065.36 = profit.

Barn Quilt Class 7/18/25 No cost. \$52 = donations. Attended by 13 people.

Paint Classes 7/30/35 \$52.19 = cost. \$92 = Donations. Attended by 25 people.

We are hoping to have someone make contact with the Franklin County Fiddlers. We still are holding a donation check for them that we will soon have to void.

We discussed recent leftover items from our fundraisers. We have 3 unopened boxes of pancake mix which were stored in the multipurpose room freezer for next year. We have some bags of ice in the town hall freezer. We have some leftover sugar that we will keep in the town hall refrigerator for future use. We also have some leftover maple syrup from the pancake breakfast. Dennis was possibly interested in taking the syrup. I would hate to see it get wasted and prefer someone use it!

Lemonade Stands moving forward:

The lemonade stand at Lake Day was a lot of work for just two people. Julie and Ina were essentially "stuck" at the lemonade booth. Everyone on our committee is busy that day so next year we need to look outside of our committee for volunteers to help run the lemonade stand at Lake Day. It is just too much work for only two people. The Heritage Day lemonade stand ran a lot more smoothly with several volunteers!

School Supply Drive Update:

The school supply drive is doing well. Julie will contact parents in town asap to get an idea of how many children will be coming to get supplies. Distribution day is Sunday, August 17th from 2-4 in the multipurpose room. Julie will sort and separate items the night before. She will send out an email if anyone is available to help with this. We have been given a \$100 donation for the school supply drive which we will use to "fill in the gaps" of items still needed. Walmart sells nice bins with lids for 5.98 which are a good backpack alternative for homeschool children or kids who already have a backpack.

Idea from Susan:

Susan brought forth the idea of doing more outreach in town such as helping neighbors or cooking meals etc. Unfortunately, while we all FULLY support this idea, Weld Recreation is not the appropriate vessel for this type of work. Weld Recreation activities and events must be open to the public and fair and equitable amongst all taxpayers. This is similar to the “welcome wagon” which was taken over by the library. Anything that will only benefit a small number of people is better suited for a different organization. Everyone in town needs to be able to access and benefit from Weld Rec.

Wish List Update:

Julie will update the wish list to include another percolator and a wide mouth 32 oz ball jar for the lemonade stands. If no percolator is donated we will have to buy another one.

Kids Survey:

We would like to offer more activities to children in town that are outside of our “arts and crafts” umbrella. We discussed kickball or wiffle ball, hiking etc. We are going to work on a survey for children to hopefully start circulating on the school supply distribution day or halloween party. When complete we will also post the survey on the website, facebook page, and send out via email.

Girl Scouts and Kawanhee Boys borrowed our easels and brushes. As previously discussed and agreed upon, some of our art supplies have been shared and borrowed by other groups in town.

Recent Purchases:

Julie bought 4 more Christmas toys (3 nerf guns and a small indoor play tent). A motion was made and passed to reimburse her for the toy she purchased. Carol bought two of the nerf guns and the tent on the town account so Julie will only have to be reimbursed for one nerf gun. She promises not to do any more Christmas shopping! We now have 26 Christmas gifts purchased. When we circulate the Christmas Gift Suggestion flyer we will include a check list area where parents can check off items we have already purchased, in order to match up the toys with children who will like them.

Julie also bought 2 black backpacks for the school supply drive which were also paid for by Carol’s town account.

Thank Yous:

Ina wrote lovely thank you cards to everyone who donated to our recent fundraisers.

Donation Items:

We have recently been given a second lemon press, furniture storage cubby, assorted kitchen items, lemons, juice, pancake mix, blueberries, butter chips, ice, creamers, and maple syrup. Julie will tally the total and report to the select board.

Review upcoming events: Set Dates:

8/17/25 Sunday 2-4 MP Room - School Supply Distribution

8/24/25 Sunday 9am Town Hall - Barn Quilt Varnish Class

9/13/25 Saturday 2pm MP Room - Children's Pollinator Mural Painting

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10/18/25 Saturday 9-4 Town Hall - Barn Quilt Class (Julie will Contact Saskia about having people who wish to be added to the barn quilt map reach out to WLA.)

10/25/25 Saturday Halloween Party - Details TBA

11/11/25 Tuesday Veteran's Day Event - Details TBA

12/13/25 Saturday Christmas Party - Details TBA

Possible future classes/events: The following ideas were discussed

Souptober

Cardio drums

Candle making class

Bridge/Cribbage

Adult ballet

Wood burning/mushroom burning

Wood block painting

Fly Tying/Fly Casting

Small Engine Repair/ Vacuum/ Snow blower/ Lawn Mower/ Bicycle etc

Toy Swap

Remote Control: Cars, Trucks, Planes

Kite Flying

Scavenger Hunt

Corn Hole

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm