

Weld Recreation Committee Meeting – January 2, 2025

6pm – Weld Free Library

Attended: Julie and David Jervis; Diana Demers; Jean Biondo; Martha Vining; Liz Boyle; Ina Toth; Ursula Withrow; Lynda Redmond; Lise Bofinger; Ashley Wright; Wendy Ames

2025 Committee Member List was formed, made up of eleven residents. Summer residents will be welcomed if they chose to be on the Committee. It was decided that a minimum of seven members will need to be at a meeting to vote on an issue related to Weld Rec.

Julie Jervis was elected to be the Weld Rec Committee Chairperson. Ina Toth will be the Budget Representative (Colleen Stewart is the Treasurer for the Town), and Liz Boyle will be the Weld Rec Secretary.

The next issue of The Weld Observer will come out in the beginning of March. It was decided that an event will be held in the Town Hall as a reunion for Weld School students. It will be announced in the March issue. The date for the event will be no earlier than May. Specific date to be decided a.s.a.p. We want to allow for summer residents to attend. The library will also announce the event, once we've established a date.

The budget was presented by Julie Jervis (both her own accounting and Colleen Stewart's, which thankfully aligned). We reviewed specific spending from October-December 2024. We have \$4,801.61 as our balance and will not ask for funds from the Town in 2025.

We discussed the Town web page. Donations can be made through the "Payment" section. The Weld Observer is now available on the site in pdf form (all four issues from 2024).

Lisa Bofinger will resend the Google link for members to submit their volunteer hours. Preliminary discussions occurred for applying for a grant from the Historical Society for an activities sign that can be used to announce Weld Rec events. We did not discuss the matching funds that would be required for such a grant.

It was noted that we are still waiting for a date from the Select Board for a meeting of the Multipurpose sports court for Weld.

Ashley Wright will begin Friday night dance events in the Town Hall. These dances will be announced a week in advance.

Julie Jervis will repair a Weld Rec Committee Report for the Town Meeting on March 1 st. The contents of that report were discussed, and a general list was made. A reminder was announced that we'll need to make snacks for the Town Meeting.

The music and film license that we rely on must be renewed. The fee is estimated to be \$400. Julie Jervis will check on the renewal date.

A Christmas party recap was held. Santa needs a microphone. A system was devised for keeping kids' names straight during check-in and gift giving. We need someone to be a "punch monitor" next year to avoid messes. Salad was a hit with the kids. Less pizza can be made. A thank you was received from the family who could not attend, which will be posted on the Town website. Julie and David delivered gifts to children who could not be at the Christmas event. We discussed what would be done with Christmas extras that we have. A date needs to be picked for physically dealing with them. We also have black lights from the Halloween party that can be sold. We discussed acquiring rechargeable batteries and charger.

Stitching Up the World donated handmade items for children. They also donated \$39. Their letter will be put on the Town website, and Ina will write them a thank you and send along with donations from Weld Rec and individual members (donations will be consolidated).

Harmonies of Weld need two music stands. We will use Weld Rec funds to purchase. Cost is estimated at \$25 for two. Julie Jervis will research.

Upcoming events were discussed: Library Potluck Brunch on January 12, 11:30-2:30; Town Meeting, March 1 st ; Franklin County Fiddlers, March 29; Game Nights, February 22; Cupcake Class, date to come; crochet and knit class, date to come; Snowshoe Full-moon event, February 13 th ; Ice Skating in the Park, end of January date to come; WinterFun Day in the Park, February 8 th.