

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 26, 2022
3.30 Zoom

Present: Barbara Bigelow, Elaine Puleo, Ann Brigham, Christine Marglin, Christine Robinson

Meeting begun at 3.41

Approval of last minutes: minutes approved

Agenda

1. Update on Farm Tour & Invasive Plant workshop
2. Orienteering redux
3. Family Field Day
4. Other business

Meeting adjourned at 4.15

Next meeting Thursday, June 30th 3.30-4.30

Field Day:

Elaine will send the SES secretary the event flyer, and the secretary will put it in the next two school newsletters. Mary Anne will share the flyer in the library email. The Amherst track coach will bring a couple of track and field students, running start blocks, and throwing discs. Police Chief Burgess is excited about being at the event. Elaine's ideas for refreshments: water, oranges, bananas, cookies, popcorn and dixie cups for popcorn. Christine R will go to BJ's to get refreshments and coordinate with Elaine on what to get.

Elaine and Mr. Carra will talk this weekend.

Christine M asked what jobs need doing. The biggest need is getting the word out. Christine M will ask Mary Anne about borrowing tents for the event. Elaine will ask Mr. Carra and Chris to see which rain date would work best for them (June 12 or June 18).

Elaine asked if we need chairs. Barbara said no; people expect to sit on ground or bring their own chair.

Elaine has 100 gold plastic medals on red, white and blue lanyards.

Elaine will bring trash bags and recycling bins. Elaine will talk with Mark Foster to see if he can be there for first aid.

Barbara asked about liability. The flyer states that children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Elaine will double check with Becky.

Orienteering Redux

Barbara got an email back from John who is very keen to work with us. New England Orienteering will do events but don't want to pay for map if it's too expensive. John says they will do map for free for worthy causes; Barbara thinks we may fall in that category. Barbara proposed that she asks for Mary Anne's input (library is co-sponsoring). Barbara is still interested in doing the event if it's not expensive or overwhelming. Barbara will talk to Mary Anne, then John, then report back to committee to discuss.

Farm and Invasive Plants Events Updates

Farm Tour: Barbara said it was a great success. Ann thought it was a great combination of information, Q&A, and meandering on the farm, Christine R loved holding the goats! Christine M said it was inspirational and would love to continue working with Zoe as we get the community garden up and running.

Invasive Plants event was also successful. About 20 attendees. The workshop leader was wonderful. Mary Anne wants him back in the fall, and he wants to come back.

Other business: Should we increase the size of the committee? Barbara suggests that we discuss this at next meeting, focusing on the community garden needs and whether we need a sub- or separate committee to focus on the garden.

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