

## Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

4:00, Zoom

Meeting begun: 4:02

Present: Barbara Bigelow, chair, Ann Brigham, Christine Marglin (taking minutes), Elaine Puleo, BZ Reily, Christine Robinson, Sam Spisiak

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Agenda:

1. Update on Kite flying
2. Finalize dates for night sky viewing
3. Plans for selecting dates for spring walk at Ames Pond and for bird watching during bird migration
4. Review budget
5. Discuss chair

The kiting event went really well, Sam reports.

Night sky event May 11 & 18 at 8pm, is next event, Saturday evenings, May 25th is rain date, library will post event notice Barbara has written. Twenty participants maximum, not including committee members. Carpooling recommended. Christine R will assist.

Ames Pond Walk: easy to organize and lead on a regular basis, and there is a lot of interest in town. Hopefully next walk will be in June. Boardwalk should be done mid to late June. Barbara is in touch with Kestrel to confirm when work will be completed, and Sam will follow up with them.

Bird watching walk: Early June. Elaine has been talking with Cliff Reed to lead this but he is away until May 9. Penny Jacques, Helen Ann, Libby, are all local birders.

Artists' Studio Tours: End June. 12-14 artists signed up now. Afternoon of a June 30, noon to five. BZ is making a map.

Budget: We won't spend all budget on these events. We've given \$1000 to library, \$250 to Graeme, which he donated to the library, \$500 to Tom, \$250 for next walk, \$250 to birds. That leaves about \$700. Some could go to refreshments and map printing for Artist Studios. We are already cosponsoring the event. We will give \$300 for that event. Soccer balls and other soccer items can be purchased with some of the funds. The remainder of any funds will go for new life vests for the library kayaks or pop up tents.

Committee Chair: Sam and Barbara will cochair! Yes!

Meeting adjourned: 4:44

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 4.

