

**Town of Madison
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
4/9/25**

Committee Members Present: Adam Price, John Flannigan, Heidi Thomas, Amy Power and Cheri Stackpole.

Others present: Heather O'Donnell (Recreation Director), Holly Crocket (MES liaison)

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Cheri at 5:34 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: We did not approve the Rec. committee meeting minutes from 2/20/25.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments

NEW BUSINESS: Cheri started the meeting with appointing members to the chair position and other committee responsibilities. Heidi nominated Cheri as Rec. Committee Chair, 2nd by John and the committee voted her in as chair.

Cheri offered "jobs" for the committee members to be responsible for. Cheri asked John to take control of the Rec. website, Heidi volunteered to be the Treasurer, Amy as the volunteer coordinator, Aysia as Rec. newsletter, Adam as tracking goods and supplies. Cheri explained each responsibility/duty for each position. Heather suggested that we break up the Treasurer position and have Megan work on fundraising and sponsorships.

Cheri discussed that as a committee, we are still trying to be self-sustaining. She said that she reached out to Linda to start the discussion. She talked about how most Rec Departments become self-sustaining by accepting fees. Cheri has created a vision board and with the Rec. Committee support she would like to take this to the select board. The committee gave her the support needed to proceed. Holly asked if we would still be under the Town "umbrella" and be self-sustaining. Adam said we could ask Linda to ask DRA those questions.

Easter Eggstravaganza: Adam said we have most of the food for the pancake breakfast. He is waiting to buy fruit til we get closer. We need someone to cook meat on the grill outside. We have plenty of help setting up and Johnny is cooking the pancake breakfast. Adam will drop off decorations the Friday before. We are hoping to decorate the night before.

Cheri mentioned wanting to get back into doing the "Rec. Vacation Days" during school vacations.

5K: The first 15-20 get a free shirt. Officer Hayford said he would be there. He helped us with a safe running route. We will set up by the "Foot of the Lake". Runners will start at the Foot and go down Lead Mine Road. We have local sponsors setting up tables and give away their shwag. Cheri asked if Mike Brooks would be able to attend. Heather said that she is thankful to Cheri for organizing all of the 5K. She said she knows its a lot of work and she appreciates all her hard work.

OLD HOME WEEK: Aug 2-10, 2025

The Rec usually does the Family Softball Game. Adam asked if there was anything we wanted to do this year. Heidi recommended that we do the "Summer Kick Off" carnival games again during Old Home Week.

2025 Events:

-Schedule our usual events for 2025.

-Town Wide Yard Sale

-Open Gym: is a huge success in between seasons. With the nice weather we can use the playground & upper field at MES. Heather updated the committee on how to chaperone the kids at Open Gym and the responsibilities we have. Cheri also mentioned that parents are dropping off and leaving instead of staying to play family style.

-GAGA BALL: Set up portable Gaga ball pits at MES or Burke Field.

SUMMER CAMP 2025: Registration will be open to the present K-6, no incoming 2025/2026 kindergarten, Madison Residents. She thought about opening registration up to Kindergarten. The committee thought it was best to just keep it to grades present K-6.

Heather said she has a family that attends Madison Elementary School because their mother works at MES but they live in Conway. They would like to join our Summer Camp but they live in Conway. The committee agreed to let them join because they go to MES and all their friends go to school there.

Heather announced the names of 2025 Summer Camp Counselors.

Swim Lessons: Need to be 6 years old to sign up. \$140 for 8 weeks. Summer Camp kids and non-summer camp kids/Madison residents would have lessons on the same day. Sophie Edwards is returning to teach swim lessons again.

CIT Program: Cheri said the CIT program didn't work well because the ages were too close to the reg. Summer camp kids. She would like to set up a program for 7th & 8th Graders to go on field trips for their own. They could go fishing, hiking and do separate trips. Cheri is thinking it would be for ages 12-15 years old. We are hoping to have Tamworth or Freedom help with transportation and counselors. We will meet with them on 4/16/25.

Gym Entryway: Cheri would like to meet with Heather O, Adam, and Heather Woodward about redoing the gym entryway. We would like to add the banners back into the gym. Adam mentioned talking to Steve Snow about updating the sports banners and hanging a new banner for undefeated teams.

Girls Basketball: The undefeated girls basketball team was invited to the KHS Varsity game. They were treated so kindly and felt special being included in their team warm ups and their team meeting. We are hoping to do more games like this with more of our teams in the future.

Pee Wee/Flag Football & Track/Field: We are hoping to start a track and field team next year. Heather said she has people interested in coaching but they wanted to start next year.

Cheri and Heidi said it would be nice to start a Pee Wee Football team. They both said that we need to start football earlier than we do. MWV has a team that starts at Grade 4. We would want a younger team. Maybe grades 1-3.

Softball League: Adam mentioned that Ossipee wanted us to get into a Softball league with them next year. This would be great to get more games scheduled in advance and more experience for our team. The League is Ossipee, Wakefield, Rochester we believe. We will look into this more for next year.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 14, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Madison Elem. School Library.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Heidi made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by John, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather O'Donnell
Madison Recreation Director