

**Town of Madison
Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
5/14/25**

Committee Members Present: Adam Price, John Flannigan, Megan Thompson, 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 5:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Heidi made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, 2nd by Megan, all in favor. We approved the Rec. committee meeting minutes from 2/20/25 & 4/9/25.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Holly Crocket told us that the gym floor is getting replaced in July. The demo and replacement will take 3 weeks with an extra 5 days to cure. Heather O told everyone that Heather Woodward has a plan for the Summer Camp to use classrooms at Madison Elem. School while the gym is under construction. Cheri asked about the pickle ball lines and a mural on the center of the gym floor. Heather asked the rec. committee if they wanted to have the pickle ball lines put on the gym floor. We all agreed that we don't have the interest in Madison for pickleball. Cheri said that Tamworth & Freedom both have tons of interest in pickleball. Heather O said that there is a school board member committee that is in charge of the gym and surrounding areas. This committee is who we should talk to about the banners, awards cabinet and gym floor. Cheri said the Rec. should be a part of the discussion too.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cheri asked how we are accepting payments for sports and summer camp. She asked if there is an invoice and who is following up. Heather explained that she sent out emails with payment invoices to families for sports and summer camp. Thank you to Mike Brooks our Town Clerk for taking this on for the Rec. Amy asked about the MyRec app, which would accept payments for organizations. Cheri said it would be something to look into for next year.

Committee Duty Updates:

Cheri asked John about how the website was coming along. John said things are going great but he would like to know what to put on the website for updates. Adam said sports engine schedule would be nice to have on there.

Cheri asked Amy about the volunteer spreadsheet. Cheri wanted to make sure we was able to get into the Rec. email & drive.

Cheri asked Adam how the Rec. inventory was coming along. Adam said he would like all of us to help donate equipment we don't use. Adam also said we need to upgrade our storage shed or at least reorganize it to fit our growing needs.

Cheri asked Megan if she would help with the fundraising efforts. Megan asked what that entailed. Cheri said that we need someone who can brainstorm ideas and “steps to get there” on how to raise money for a new shed.

Tamworth/Freedom/Madison: Cheri mentioned that when we met with the other Rec. Directors said they rented vans instead of using busses. Cheri is curious about the cost comparison for Busses to Vans. If we wanted to do a combined “Teen Event” with Tamworth or Freedom we could use their vans & their gyms. We would just need to look into insurance if we share resources.

Spring Sports Updates:

Heather said that Softball teams needed visors, bats and helmets. T-Ball team needed more bats. The major concern is that there are a lot of people with shed keys and lots of people in & out of the shed. There are items being borrowed but when our Rec. teams need the items they are not there. Adam said it is not a matter of theft but a matter of just the Cal Ripken teams grabbing stuff and not returning it on time. Megan said a sign out sheet may help to track the equipment down. Adam said we could try signing out the key and having those people being responsible for the things in the shed. He said because of our growth as a department/committee we should have our own shed instead of sharing with the Garden Club. Amy said she has a few t-ball bats to donate.

5K will be rescheduled for June 1, 2025. The first 15-20 get a free shirt. We will meet at 9am to 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. 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. We discussed what we would like to do at the craft fair. We thought about having the summer camp kids make a craft to sell. Heather said how she thought Cheri had a good idea to do a Town Wide Yard Sale on the last weekend of OHW, Sat & Sun Aug 9 & 10. We are thinking it would run like the Holiday Festival of Lights. People would sign up on a map & we would advertise the map.

SUMMER CAMP 2025:

Heather announced the Summer Camp Counselors 2025:

Remington Snowden-full time

Sarah DeMartino-Full time

Ciarra Charles-part time

Courtney Price-part time

Mackenzie Ewing-part time

Molly Arnold-part time

Rachel Samia-part time

Swim Instructor:

Sophia Edwards

Summer Camp numbers are low so we talked about opening registration up to Freedom.

Heather mentioned a Summer Camp Counselors training on June 7 that she was interested in her & the counselors attending.

Adam mentioned picking a weekend to go clean out the upstairs of the Town Hall. Go thru equipment, uniforms and summer camp stuff. He said they did it a few years ago but it needs to be done again. We can donate stuff & throw away stuff.

Adam will get totes and shelves to help organize everything.

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.

Fundraiser Ideas:

Megan asked what fun draining events would interest adult? What if she was to plan a fundraising event, would we like it to be an adult/ food & drink event?

-Country Dance at a Barn

-Corn Hole Tournaments

Adam said we could use the field as a location for the fundraising event.

Heidi asked about Corn Hole-How much do they pay to register? She said most places charge \$15-20 to register.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the Madison Elem. School Library.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather O'Donnell
Madison Recreation Director