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- Busing costs and parent pickup procedures for ski program.

**Interest in Committee Membership**

Tom requested a show of hands among those present who are interested in being appointed by the Selectmen to the Andover Recreation Committee. All in attendance are willing to be appointed.

**April 17**

*Condensed from approved minutes*

The meeting began at 7:30 PM. Present were Committee members Tom Frantz, Ellie George, Howard George, Tim Norris, Kurt Weber, Brian Reynolds, Christine Frost, Pat Frost, Nicole Donovan, Justin Carey, Darryl Furtkamp, Kenice Barton, and Alan Hanscom.

**Election of Officers**

First order of business was election of officers. The following unanimous selections were made:

Chair	Tom Frantz
Co-Chair	Brian Reynolds
Secretary	Tim Norris
Treasurer	Alan Hanscom

The group agreed that there should be monthly meetings, except perhaps during the summer months. Meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM, in the AE/MS Science Room.

**Budget**

The current operating budget needs to be clarified with the Town Administrator to determine expenditures to date. Howard advised that about \$2,000 in donations to the Blackwater Building Fund were directed towards the skate-board park under the AE/MS principal's control. Parties are aware of the mistake and a correction can be made. Tom to follow up with Marj on budgets.

**Blackwater Park Recreation Building**

The group agreed that the multi-purpose building should be called the Blackwater Park Recreation Building.

Justin Carey shared a plan showing a roof across the north end of the building to shelter patrons waiting at the vending window on that end. A window will be considered on the east side to allow those working the concessions to also

see the field.

The roof system will be stick-built with a floored attic for additional storage with pull-down stairs in the storage room. Siding will be HardiePlank Lap Siding for durability. Current materials estimate from RP Johnsons is \$9,314 to make the building weather-tight. This does not include electrical and plumbing.

The group agreed to move forward with the proposal. [Subsequent to the meeting, Alan confirmed with Marj that the current balance of the Blackwater Building Fund is \$15,439.63. Marj advised that that amount was good to spend.]

Invoices will be funneled through the Treasurer to track expenditures. There should be a single, consistent point of contact between the building effort and RP Johnson and other suppliers.

**Blackwater Park Upkeep**

Howard George will discuss with Joe Poulin the requirements of the field maintenance contract, including aeration, fertilizing, insect control, and mowing. Alan made a motion that Howard be designated as overseer of the park, unanimously confirmed by the committee members.

**Swim Program**

Ellie recommended that Debbie Sanborn Hatter be the swim program instructor this summer. Kenice will help coordinate the program and remain on-site daily during the instruction.

**Program Fee Discussion**

There was extensive discussion on fees charged by the ski, swim, soccer, and basketball programs. It was decided that the following fees would be set:

- Swim: \$30 for first child, \$25 for each additional child
- Soccer: \$30 for first child registered before July 1, \$35 on or after July 1. A corresponding \$5 discount for each additional child registered at the same time.

**May 8**

*Condensed from draft minutes*

**Present:** Committee members Tom Frantz, Ellie George, Howard George, Tim Norris, Brian Reynolds, Christine Frost, Nicole Donovan, Justin Carey, and Alan Hanscom.

**Blackwater Park Recreation Building**

Fundraising for the building was the first order of business. Two Fourth of July fundraisers on Carr Field were proposed. (Both have been done before.) Proctor Academy permission for both events was cheerfully given by Rachel MacDuffie.

The first fundraiser discussed was a Closest to the Pin contest – a golf contest open from 9 AM to 1 PM – six shots for \$5 at a flag 100 yards away. Tom Frantz and Howard George will provide clubs, Alan Hanscom will provide some astroturf, and Justin Carey will provide a platform for the astroturf. For prizes, Howard, Tom and Tim Norris will solicit pairs of free passes to local golf courses. Alan will head it up, and Christine Frost will organize and run it.

Evening hotdog, popcorn, and cotton candy concession was discussed as the second fundraiser. It would operate from 6:30 to 9 PM on the Fourth of July, during the run-up to the fireworks. Alan talked of a hotdog steamer, and Justin Carey said he has access to a corn popper and cotton candy machine. A generator would be needed for adequate power.

**Recreation Building Update**

As both of the main builders (Pat Frost and Justin Carey) are busy coaching baseball, there will be no work done on the building until their season ends on Saturday, June 2. The Committee expects to start construction soon after

June 2 and is continuing to contact vendors in the meantime.

**Budget Procedures**

Alan Hanscom has been working on making our budget procedure accurate and clear. For instance: many of our current programs are currently listed under "other."

Howard George suggested that all sports should have a clear revenue side (registration fees). Budgets should be detailed, so that needs are clear.

Alan will continue to refine the budget for Committee review. He reiterated that, as treasurer, all Recreation Committee expenses need to go through him.

**Summer Tennis**

Currently, there is no tennis program, but some have expressed interest in a program for this summer. Summer tennis in the past has consisted of some instruction and then open tennis. If there is a Recreation Committee tennis program this summer, the program should be open to kids and adults alike.

Bud Rice, an instructor, brings a ton of racquets and balls. It was suggested that he should come to a meeting so that the Committee could get his input about a program for this summer.

**New Business**

Howard George discussed a concern about the hazard posed by boards used on the skating rink. They need to be moved and stacked a safe distance away from the basketball court and skateboard

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