

Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary January 22, 2024

Attendees: Chelsea Loughran, Beth Cook, Lindsey White, Drew Locke, Peter Morris, Christine McGee, Drew Locke, Damion Clements, Stephanie Rein
Absent: Austin Smith

Damion-update on the after school program- one program supervisor, two support staff members, about 15 kids, Monday- Friday end of school till 5, program offering coverage for vacation weeks, holidays (MLK), max capacity 32 kids, the staff who are supporting the afterschool program will staff summer recreation,

Plans were discussed to transition the after-school program staff to the summer recreation program, allowing for cost savings that could help fund a proposed free afternoon program for Truro residents. This proposal will be presented to the budget taskforce.

Communication- use of notify Truro for Rec outreach, Austin to update rosters potentially to use the alert system to communicate families, Austin to provide fliers and info to the school for weekly update
Communication issues regarding youth sports schedules and events were raised. Elizabeth Cook mentioned missing a basketball schedule change notification and parents showing up at the wrong time. Better use of the alert system and a centralized document of important dates were suggested.

Finding consistent volunteer coaches is an ongoing challenge. Suggestions included more intentional outreach, creating an opt-in list of interested coaches, and the potential use of paid coaches. Succession planning for future coaches was also discussed.

- Lindsay proposed the recreation departments potentially host a joint event with Provincetown to improve collaboration. Ideas like a bouncy house or dance were suggested.

- For certain grades where teams may be small, like 5th grade basketball, the possibility of combining teams between Truro and Provincetown/Wellfleet was raised.

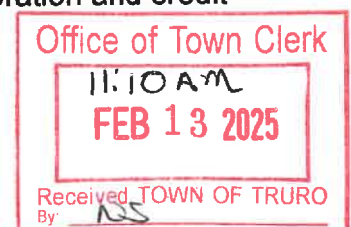
Based on the highlighted sections, the key action items discussed were:

- Damion will check in with Austin to ensure all player rosters are updated in the alert system notification database, to address issues some parents had with missing communications.

- Damion and the recreation department will look into creating a centralized document on the recreation department website/social media with a schedule of important youth sports dates and deadlines to help improve information sharing.

- The recreation department will explore options for more intentional in-person outreach to parents at sports practices, to recruit interested volunteers for the opt-in coaching database.

- The recreation committee agreed to make organizing a joint event with the Provincetown/Wellfleet recreation committee a goal for 2024. This could help address issues of collaboration and credit between the towns.



Seniors/Children Engagement

- Stephanie R offered to find out who is on the Provincetown recreation committee to help coordinate setting up a joint committee meeting between the towns to discuss issues like fundraising and engaging kids and seniors from both communities.

Other:

Community Yoga Sundays

Volleyball 6-9

