

1 Recreation Commission Arena Task Force Meeting

2 Wednesday, November 6, 2019 - Stowe Arena

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3 The regular Recreation Commission meeting was held Wednesday, November 6, 2019 in the meeting  
4 room at the arena starting at 5:17 P.M.

5 Members present: Lynn Altadonna, Adam Rice, Ben Novogroski, Candace Elmquist, Adam Rice, Brett  
6 Loomis, Dave Rogers, Matt Frazee, Mike Loughran. Also in the audience was Tiffany Donza, Hope  
7 Sullivan.

8 **5:04pm called to order. Candace motioned to approve agenda; Mike Seconded; all in favor.**

9 **Changes to minutes:** 10.2 Line 16 Candace spelling; Adam rice listed twice; Date correction

10 Adam motioned to approve minutes as amended; Brett second; all approved.

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12 School Rate

13 Discussion on rate the school will be charged if the Selectboard decides to charge the School district at  
14 the 11/12 meeting. Tiffany indicated she does believe the Town should receive compensation for  
15 ice/turf usage now that the School district is merged, however believes that the decision should be  
16 delayed to further explore additional opportunities for exchange of services. She said it is still better for  
17 the Stowe tax payer to keep an exchange of services in place. Stowe Friday program includes Stowe and  
18 also included Lamoille during the same times last year. She indicated that she recommends not charging  
19 the schools until further discussion can take place and wait at least one budget cycle. Candace said her  
20 concern would be that the school would drop the Friday program if they had to pay. Adam agreed that  
21 we should take it slow and the last thing we want to do is discourage recreational opportunities. Adam  
22 asked if pay to play is an option for school sports and Tiffany indicated that she was not sure but did  
23 believe so.

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25 Ice Dance Residency

26 Hope Sullivan met with Matt last year about how we could bring performing arts to the Arena. She met  
27 with Matt this fall to propose bring Ice Dance International. We renounced and regarded company. They  
28 want to bring them as part of their art galla. Last year SPPAC launched their first galla at the resort. One  
29 week residency March 9-14. Rehearsals will be open to public to view and will also provide educational  
30 performances and workshops to schools and figure skating classes. Also hope to have a workshop for  
31 the Friday program. On Saturday they will offer an advanced 2 hour workshop for skating clubs  
32 throughout Vermont and surrounding area. Very committed to developing educational performances.  
33 Hope to make it an annual event and promote arts and figure skating. They will also do a formal  
34 program at the ice rink at the mountain. Goal would be that it would become an asset for the arena and  
35 broaden exposure. Nonprofit, they have one grant for \$7k which goes towards paying for performers  
36 (\$18k). They want to programs to be free and encourage participation. Intention is not to charge for  
37 the education programs. The performance at the mountain is also free. 630 on Saturday night followed  
38 by an after party.

1 Patti Arrison very excited about the possibility of this event coming to the arena. Believes we would get  
2 skaters from Childrens Theater on Ice, Champlain Valley, Dartmouth, Woodstock and many more.  
3 Believes it would highlight the arena and bring in a new audience. We should do everything we can do  
4 get them to come and this would open up new opportunities for Stowe. Candace asked if SPPA would  
5 be promoting the events here and Hope said they would.

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7 Other business

8 Brett brought up Emily's email. Brett suggests Matt provided more program and event information.

9 Brett concerned about turn in front of Rec building lack of lighting and boulders.

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11 Adjourned at 618

12 Respectfully submitted,

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14 Matt Frazee