

Bennington College
September 13, 1940

The Recreation Council met September 10, 1940. Those present were: Gertrude Streeter, Phyllis Wood, Rebecca Stickney, Georgina Hazeltine, Lisa Adams, Joan Hinton, Jean Short, Helen Steffen, Ruth Davis, Lucille Kron, Marjorie Hill, Florence Booker, Charlotte Watson, Mr. Park, Mrs. Truman, Miss Steven.

Elections

Marjorie Hill was elected secretary to replace Phyllis Wood, who resigned the post. Lisa Adams was elected as new chairman of the Entertainment Committee, replacing Mary Jane Meyer, who is not attending college.

Entertainment Committee

It was decided that the Council's plan to sponsor a series of concerts by Mr. DeGray should be turned over to the Meetings Committee.

Hour of Meeting

It was announced by Gertrude Streeter, Chairman, that the meeting of the Recreation Council, beginning next week, would be held on Monday at 1 o'clock in the Community Dining Room instead of on Tuesday.

War Relief Measures

Mr. Park suggested that the council should be conscious of the world situation and should perhaps sponsor Red Cross work or First Aid classes among the students of Bennington College. This was agreed to by the council and plans were made to meet with the Health Committee concerning the Red Cross chapter in Bennington.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Wood

Bennington College
September 17, 1940

The Recreation Council met September 16, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Marjorie Hill, Rebecca Stickney, Georgina Hazeltine, Lisa Adams, Jean Short, Anne Michie, Katherine Loring, Ruth Davis, Joan Hinton, Helen Steffen, Mrs. Truman, Miss Stevens, Mr. Park, Florence Booker, and Charlotte Watson. Those absent were Phillis Wood.

Dance Committee

Square dancing

The dance committee has decided not to give a regular Square dance this term, but to make square-dancing part of the regular informals if there is demand for it.

Informals

When the informals for the fall term were planned the committee thought that it would be possible to run them without expense. However, the labor costs run to about \$13. By eliminating hat and coat checking the committee could save \$6, leaving expenses at \$7 for policemen. This has been referred to Mr. Leigh.

Dance music

It has been suggested to the committee that it find out whether there are people on campus who might be interested in supplying music for the dances. The dance committee will get in touch with Elizabeth Hubbard.

Entertainment Committee

Concert

The Entertainment committee will sponsor a concert by William Primrose, to be given in the college theatre on Tuesday night, September 17, 1940.

Plans for the fall term

Barn party

Spelling bee

Christmas party

This party will be on the same weekend as the formal dance.

Music history evening

An evening by Mr. McBride and Mr. Kouwenhoven, similar to the music evening which they presented last year.

Teas

The entertainment committee plans to sponsor Saturday afternoon teas, with music, for people knitting for the Red Cross. The Health committee will get the yarn. The first of these meetings will be in Bingham House on Saturday, September 21st, at 3 o'clock.

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Athletic Committee

Hockey

There will be hockey during the fall term starting September 16, 1940. Inter-house and faculty-student games are planned for later in the season.

Hikes

It has been suggested that the committee look up the Green Mountain Horse Association and the Long Trail in order that information be available to the community.

Horse Show

A horse show has been suggested and referred to the committee.

Recreation Building

Furniture

The community does not like the dull covering of the furniture in the lounge but Mr. Park explained that the brighter furniture has not yet arrived.

Floor

The Council is checking to see whether anything has been done to make the floor of the badminton court less slippery.

Towels

It has been suggested that towels for showers be rented at the Branch Store but as yet there has been very little demand.

Community Council

There was no business to be taken up.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Hill

Bemington College
September 29, 1940

The Recreation Council met September 23, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Marjorie Hill, Rebecca Stickney, Georgina Hazeltine, Lisa Adams, Jean Short, Anne Michie, Katherine Loring, Joan Hinton, Helen Steffen, Phyllis Wood, Miss Stevens, Florence Booker, and Charlotte Watson. Those absent were Mrs. Truman, Ruth Davis, and Mr. Park.

Budget

The budget for the fall term was presented by Charlotte Watson, student treasurer. It is as follows.

College supported activities

Recreation Council

Entertainment Committee

Parties and teas	12.80
Supplies	5.00

Total 17.80

Athletic Committee

Trips	6.00
Teas	10.00
Tournaments and prizes	3.00
Equipment and supplies	28.20

Total 47.20

Dance Committee

3 informal informals at \$7.00	21.00
Supplies	4.00

Total 25.00

Total expenses of the Recreation Council 90.00

Self supported activities

Dance Committee

Formal Dance	180.00
Contingency	20.00

Total 200.00

Entertainment committee

Election night party

The entertainment committee is planning an election night party on Tuesday, November 5, 1940 in the Recreation Barn. Mr. Leigh will announce election returns and the committee will plan the entertainment. The party will start at nine and last until about two. The question of beer for the party has been referred to the Community Council.

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September 29, 1940

Red Cross Tea

The tea held in Bingham House on Saturday, September 21, 1940 cost 82 cents. It was decided that different people would be in charge each week, and that instead of holding the tea in different houses it would always be held in Bingham House.

Red Cross Soup

It was suggested that since there is great need for soup in England, the Recreation Council take charge of a soup collection to be sent to Canada. Collection of the actual cans of soup seemed impractical, and so a money collection in the houses or in the store was suggested. The idea has been referred to the Community ~~Charity~~ Committee.

Dance Committee

The student musician situation is still undecided.

Community Council

There was no business to be taken up.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Hill

Bennington College
October 1, 1940

The Recreation Council met September 30, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Marjorie Hill, Rebecca Stickney, Lisa Adams, Jean Short, Anne Michie, Katherine Loring, Joan Hinton, Helen Steffen, Phyllis Wood, Anne Franke, Ruth Davis, Mrs. Truman, Miss Stevens, Mr. Park, Charlotte Watson, Florence Booker. Those absent were Georgina Hazeltine.

Dance Committee

Informal informal

The first informal informal was held on Saturday night, September 28, 1940, in the Carriage Barn. It was a great success.

Entertainment Committee

Spelling Bee

On Tuesday night, October 8, 1940, the entertainment committee will sponsor a spelling bee in the theatre at 7:30. Words will be non-technical and collected from the community in a ballot box in the store. Each house will send one speller and each division will be represented by one faculty member.

Election night party

Square dancing and entertainment of the amateur night variety have been suggested.

Red Cross tea

The Recreation Council decided, since only two people were present at the tea for Red Cross knitting on Saturday, September 28, 1940, that the teas should be discontinued until colder weather and that a knitting tea would not again be planned for a dance weekend. The Health committee reports that no Red Cross wool is available in Bennington at present.

Red Cross soup

The Community Chest committee has asked for more information about the soup for English children and considers a can for donations in the store the best way to collect contributions. Charlotte Watson is to look into this situation.

Recreation Building

The Recreation Council discussed the furniture in the Recreation building. There have been objections to the ping pong table in the lounge but there is not room for it on the second floor. Murals for the card room were also discussed. Easy chairs for the lounge and table space in the store were also suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Hill

Bernington College
October 8, 1940

The Recreation Council met October 7, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Marjorie Hill, Rebecca Stickney, Georgina Hazeltine, Lisa Adams, Jean Short, Pricilla Sherman, Katherine Loring, Ruth Davis, Mrs. Truman, Miss Stevens, Mr. Park, Florence Booker, Charlotte Watson, and Phyllis Wood. Those absent were Joan Hinton and Helen Steffen.

Secretary Election

Jean Short was elected secretary of the Recreation Council to fill the vacancy due to Marjorie Hill's resignation.

Entertainment Committee

The committee has decided, that since the Barn party and the Election night party were planned so near together, it would be wise to combine the parties on election night. A bonfire and sing have been suggested for before the party.

The Music History evening will be given on Sunday night, December 1, 1940

Plans are complete for the Spelling Bee which will be given in the theatre on October 8, 1940, at 7:30 P.M.

Athletic committee

Council members were asked to remind the houses that the girls who had signed to come out to hockey were expected to come out.

Red Cross soup

The Chest committee will write to both the American Red Cross and to The Canadian Red Cross to find out where the community can help most.

Bus

Rebecca Stickney will find out whether the bus will be available to take people to the Putney Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 12, 1940.

Community Council

There was no business to be taken up.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Hill

The Recreation Council met October 14, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Jean Short, Rebecca Stickney, Lisa Adams, Georgina Hazeltine, Phyllis Wood, Helen Steffan, Joan Hinton, Marjorie Hill, Ann Michie, Florence Booker, Charlotte Watson. Those absent were Katherine Loring, Ruth Davis, Mrs. Truman, Miss Steven, and Mr. Park.

Dance Committee

Student Orchestra

The student orchestra, under the direction of Betty Hubbard, will play at the informal informal on November 16. So far, the organization has progressed slowly.

Entertainment Committee

Election Night Party

Tentative plans have been made to sell pretzels and give away beer, thus evading the state law preventing the college from selling liquor. However, it seemed rather far-fetched to charge 35¢ for a bag of pretzels. Because of the over-supply of hot dogs at the barn warming last spring, the committee tried to avoid a recurrence by having only pretzels. Lisa Adams is going to see Miss Foresman about a plan for the number of hot dogs needed and report next week.

Red Cross Soup

Charlotte Watson reported that, due to the new regulation placing Mr. Leigh at the head of the Charities committee, the plans for the donation of Red Cross soup must be postponed until a meeting of the Community Chest committee with Mr. Leigh.

Community Council

There was no business to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Short

The Recreation Council met October 21, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Jean Short, Rebecca Stickney, Lisa Adams, Georgina Hazeltine, Phillis Wood, Helen Steffan, Joan Hinton, Marjorie Hill, Ruth Davis, Katherine Loring, Charlotte Watson, Clarence Becker, and Mr. Park. Those absent were Mrs. Truman, Miss Steven and Ann Michie.

Entertainment Committee

Election night party

Lisa Adams talked to Miss Foresman and ordered 250 hot dogs, and $\frac{1}{2}$ keg of beer (\$12.00). The hot dogs will be sold at 35¢ for three and two cans of beer ~~to be~~ given away with each ticket. There will also be cider and doughnuts at 10¢. It was suggested that Miss Foresman be consulted about the possibility of using college glasses.

The plans for the party have been organized. As it now stands, a bonfire-sing and a torchlight parade will precede the actual party. Mr. Nash will play the trombone for the sing and the party. At the Carriage Barn, Mr. Leigh will give election returns at half hour intervals. Between announcements there will be barn dancing, a McBride-Lavack-Tucker concert, and possible amateur entertainment from the houses.

Athletic Committee

Shooting and Archery

Mr. Leigh has asked that the council tell interested students that there is a range behind Fairview which can be used for riflery. So far, it has been used solely by faculty.

There seemed to be no demand for archery, so the idea was dismissed.

Hockey

Mr. Leigh would like to have an analysis of the hockey situation. He suggested a check-up on students who signed up and never appear. A poster campaign to liven interest was suggested, and a game between the Republicans and Democrats was also suggested.

The Athletic committee will meet and discuss ways of heightening interest in the game. If no solution is found, it will be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted, _____

Joan Short

Bennington College
October 23, 1940

Memorandum

To: Gertrude Streeter
From: Mr. Leigh

Confirming our conversation the other day, it is impossible to use the basement of Fairview for a shooting range because of the heating ducts which transmit sound very readily to the first two floors of the building.

Some of the faculty members are now using the abandoned Jennings' gravel bed as a shooting range. Students might well take advantage of this long, deep area when, of course, the weather is suitable. It might be well to arrange for some control of any student shooting to be sure that there is no possible risk to others or to the students themselves. Should there not be some instruction or supervision if this is undertaken? Without going into the matter further, I should think that the Recreation Council should not inaugurate it without being very sure that there is adequate supervision of the enterprise.

Bennington College
October 28, 1940

The Recreation Council met on October 28, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Jean Short, Lisa Adams, ~~xxxxxx~~ Rebecca Stickney, Helen Steffan, Doria Higgins, Marjorie Hill, Joan Hinton, Ann Michie, Katherine Loring, Florence Bocker, Charlotte Watson, Miss Stemen, Mrs. Truman, and Mr. Park. Those absent were Ruth Davis and Georgina Hazeltine.

House Election

Due to Phyllis Wood's resignation from the Council, Doria Higgins was elected representative from Booth house.

Athletic Committee

Ski Movies

Carol Reed would like to show ski movies on Tuesday, December 10. As his movies were very popular last year, the Council thought they would be a good feature. Gertrude Streeter will check on the date and reserve either Barn #1 or the Carriage Barn.

Hockey

A questionnaire asking the reasons for not coming out after having signed up for hockey was given to 27 people. There were 15 answers. The majority said they had acquired extra work and were unable to attend. The others had just "forgotten". Suggestions from the Council to remedy the situation were as follows:

No one allowed to play after missing 2 afternoons.

Run the Hockey the same as the recreational dance classes, and have it recorded on the program cards.

(this was suggested as a proposal to Mr. Leigh to be put on the program next year.)

Shooting

It has been decided that no one be allowed to shoot in the gravel pit behind Fairview unless there is a supervisor present. A note was posted asking those people interested to sign up.

Entertainment Committee

Election Night Party

The program of the party has been pasted on the bulletin board. It was suggested that a poster be made advising all those who attend against mixing beer and cider as the ultimate result is illness. The Health Committee will put a notice to this effect in the College Week.

Saturday Evening Entertainment

Several people on campus have complained because the De Gray concerts never materialized. There have also been complaints about the Saturday evening entertainments which were put on the tentative schedule last spring. Gertrude Streeter will ask Mr. Leigh if the plan for the refugees has taken the money the Council expected to have for movies, concerts, etcetera.

Community Council

There was no business to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Short
Jean Short, secretary

Bennington College
November 4, 1940

The Recreation Council met on November 4, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Jean Short, Rebecca Stickney, Doria Higgins, Georgina Hazeltine, Helen Steffan, Katherine Loring, Joan Hinton, Ruth Davis, Ann Michie, Charlotte Watson, Florence Booker, Miss Steven, Mrs. Truman, and Mr. Park. Lisa Adams was absent.

Entertainment Committee

Shooting

Twelve people have signed up for shooting. Suggestions were made that either Mr. Ferry or Johnny Wood be asked to supervise the pit behind Fairview a certain number of hours each week. There is a man in Bennington who takes people on hunting trips. He also has cabins in Arlington and Woodford. Rebecca Stickney will try to get in touch with him.

Fencing

Mr. Park offered to give fencing instruction one afternoon a week. Arija Murray, a freshman, is a very good fencer, and might consent to giving lessons if it wouldn't injure her amateur rating.

DeGray Concerts

It is too late to try to schedule any more programs for this term, but Mr. DeGray has promised to give a series of concerts next spring.

Community Council

There was no business to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Short
Jean Short, secretary

Bennington College
November 11, 1940

The Recreation Council met November 11, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Jean Short, Rebecca Stickney, Lisa Adams, Doria Higgins, Ann Michie, Katherine Loring, Joan Hinton, Helen Steffan, Eleanor Wayland (for Marjorie Hill), Florence Booker, Charlotte Watson, Mrs. Truman, and Miss Steven. Those Absent were Georgina Hazeltine, Ruth Davis, Marjorie Hill and Mr. Park.

Entertainment Committee
Election Night Party

The Election Night party was a financial success. The \$7.00 in IOU's, added to the \$51.00 taken at the refreshment stand, totals \$58.00. Out of this \$58.00, \$40.00 must be paid to cover the cost of beer, cider, doughnuts, and hot dogs, leaving a profit of \$18.00 which will go in the contingency fund to be used for the next party.

Christmas Party

It was suggested that the \$18.00 made on the election night party be used for a Christmas party on December 18. Tentative plans include an informal concert by Mr. McBride and Mr. Tucker, a large, lighted Christmas tree, ten cent gifts brought by members of the community and distributed by a Santa Claus (Eddie Thommen), and hot spiced cider and doughnuts or hot buttered rum for refreshments.

Athletic Committee
Shooting

Notes have been sent to those people who signed up for shooting asking which afternoons would be most convenient for them.

Dance Committee
Informal Informal

There will be an Informal Informal in the Carriage Barn this Saturday night.

Community Council

There was no business to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Short

Bennington College
November 18, 1940

The Recreation Council met November 18, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Jean Short, Rebecca Stickney, Lisa Adams, Georgina Hazeltine, Anne Michie, Doria Higgins, Jean Hinton, Katherine Loring, Helen Steffan, Ruth Davis, Charlotte Watson, Florence Bocker, Mrs. Truman, Miss Steven, and Mr. Park. There was no one absent.

Entertainment Committee Jazz Concert

Mr. Kowenhoven and Mr. McBride will give a history of Jazz Concert on December 1 in the Carriage Barn. They will play Paul Whiteman records.

Christmas Party

Lisa Adams asked for the Council's opinion on a grab-bag of ten cent presents rather than a Santa Claus. This was thought to be a good suggestion, because, with a Santa, too much time would be spent in distributing the presents. It was also suggested that 10¢ tickets be sold before the party so that a committee of one or two could buy all the presents and have them ready beforehand. As to the refreshments, several people doubted if we would be allowed to have any liquor, such as hot buttered rum, and suggested hot spiced wines instead.

Dance Committee Informal Informal

The dance committee, unsatisfied with the outcome of last Saturday's dance, offered the following suggestions for future Informal Informals. That ~~an~~ informal informal should be held every month; that the Carriage Barn be equipped so that people could go over any night they wished (~~this would~~ *for dancing* mean having a permanent loud speaker installed); that only one extra policeman be used on the ~~the~~ nights when there is an Informal Informal. It was also suggested that the cloak room at the head of the stairs be converted into a small sitting room. This would be used when people felt that the lounge was too public for a private conversation.

Formal Dance

For the convenience of those people who "never have anything to do before the dance" a list of suggestions will be posted on the bulletin board. The production will be presented that week end, too. It may be possible to have a bonfire at the skating pond and have hot soup or some other kind of refreshment. The student orchestra will play for a tea dance on Sunday afternoon, December 15.

Athletic Committee
Skiing

Joan Hinton will keep weather reports and snow conditions within a traveling radius of the college posted on the bulletin board.

Budget

There is an unpaid bill at the Wilson Sporting Goods Company for 2/12 of a dozen softballs. The total is \$1.60. The bill for 8 hockey sticks at Wright & Wilhelmy Company is \$23.06.

Community Council

There was no business to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Short

Bennington College
November 25, 1940

The Recreation Council met on November 25, 1940. Those present were Gertrude Streeter, Rebecca Stickney, Lisa Adams, Doria Higgins, Joan Hinton, Katherine Loring, Georgina Hazeltine, Florence Bocker, Charlotte Watson, Miss Steven, Mrs. Truman, Marjorie Hill and Ann Michie. Those absent were Mr. Park and Jean Short.

Athletic Committee

Skiing

Mr. Whittinghill would like to have a meeting with interested students to discuss skiing conditions around Bennington and to talk with them about the Bennington Skiing Club.

Shooting

Nothing has been done about the shooting lodge.

See minutes of November 4

Dance Committee

Formal Dance

There will be movies at 8:00 Saturday evening, December 14, before the dance.

Entertainment Committee

Ruth Draper Concert

Mary Achilles is selling tickets to the concert in ~~Williamstown~~ *Williamstown* on December 5. The bus will take students down that night.

Bellitt Movies

It was suggested that Mr. Bellitt be asked to show some of the moving pictures he has taken at a Sunday evening meeting sometime next term.

Community Council

There was no business to be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Short