

Recreation Committee Mins - 02/26/2008

Hopkinton Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes February 26, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM at the Slusser Senior Center.

Members in attendance: Louise Carr, Valerie Carr, Vernon Miller, Jim Martin and Recreation Director Justin La Vigne. ~

Approval of 1/29/08 Recreation Committee minutes:

The minutes from 1/29/08 were approved after one change by Justin

Business:

Justin and Louise explained to the committee the status of the Summer Day and Camp and that the budget committee has made a recommendation to eliminate the cost of the counselors from the budget. Justin went over the long term plans for the camp and Louise suggested that the committee supports Justin by attending the selectmen meetings and Town meeting. Jim said he would be writing a letter to the paper about the benefits of getting kids outdoors and camp.

Justin updated the committee on the standing status of members and need for reaching out to the community to find more members to join. Louise said that Dan Rinden's term has expired and he will not be returning but would like to help out with some events.

Justin discussed the Senior Recreation Committee Status and went to the selectmen's meeting the night before to present it. The selectmen were very pleased with the document and had some suggestions for small changes, one being reducing the committee from nine to seven. Justin will

review and make changes to the document and will submit back to the selectmen for approval.

Justin mentioned that he has looked into a Recreation Internship for the department and has an interview with a potential candidate from the University of New Hampshire. Updates will follow.

Programs Update:

Justin updated the committee on existing programs
Ballroom Dancing Workshop – Is in mid session and going well. Louise mentioned a program “Celebration for the Arts” and will look into it.

Lacrosse – Sign up are almost finished and about 75 kids are registered. Justin will meet with the Lacrosse coaches and Rob Thomson to finalize the season. Louise mentioned that in the past there has been some field use issues and to monitor the situation.

Stars on Ice – Justin purchased 30 tickets to Stars on Ice and has begun to advertise to the public.

Indoor Yard Sale – The indoor yard sale is scheduled for March 29 (9-12) at Columbia Hall. Tables are \$10 each and are on sale now. Jim mentioned a program free cycle where you can give away item instead of selling and suggested we try something like this at a latter date.

Easter – The Easter Egg Hunt which will take place on March 22 at 11am, with the hunt at 11:30am. Vernon will be renting the bunny suit. The eggs are in. The event will be children to 3rd grade. Justin has put the word out for Volunteers. Justin has sent out information through the school newsletter. Justin will look into using the high school as a back-up location in case the snow is to high.

Summer Programs – Justin mentioned some summer programs he has been working on. Some are: Movie in the Park, Bark in the Park (a day for dogs and their owners), July 4th celebration, camping and kayaking on Moon Island, and a kayak/canoe class. Louise mentioned July 4th and would like

to start working on that by next meeting. Louise will again head up that event with the support from the Recreation Committee.

Other Business:

Email list serve update: Justin has looked into the Town's options for an email list serve and found that he could manage one through the Town's website. He will be working with Sandy to figure out the system.

Louise mentioned that when Justin goes to Selectmen's meetings maybe some of the Recreation Committee should attend to support him.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 25 @ 6:00 PM at the Slusser Senior Center.

We are adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Justin La Vigne