

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2009

(These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next committee meeting)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM at the Slusser Senior Center.

Members in attendance: Louise Carr, Mark Newton, Valerie Carr, Vernon Miller, Chris Lawless, Jessica Sheinman, Ann Wayland and Recreation Director Justin La Vigne.

The guest attendees were Patrice La Vigne and Merle Dustin.

The minutes from 2/29/09 were approved.

Justin introduced and welcomed Chris Lawless who will be the new representative from the Board of Selectmen.

On March 25th The Concord Monitor had a letter to the editor from a former Contoocook resident suggesting that the City of Concord try a different way to celebrate Independence Day. They suggested A Family Fun Day similar to the one sponsored by the Town of Hopkinton.

Town Meeting:

Justin spoke about the proposal at the Town Meeting to eliminate the CIP fund for the Recreation Van. This proposal was accepted and the \$10,000+ will be returned to the General Fund. The Warrant Article for the Rental of the Slusser Senior Center was passed. The Town voted to accept the proposal to put back the \$12,000.00 into the budget for the summer camp program. Justin will continue to try to reduce this line item each year.

Skate Park:

The Skate Park which is located at the high school is deteriorating. The LGC (Local Government Center) will be inspecting the park on April 2nd. Chris stated that the Board of Selectmen have discussed the Skate Park at their meetings recently and agree that repairs are needed. The Skate Park is heavily used. Some of the kids have mentioned to Justin that they would be interested in setting up a fund raiser. More information to follow.

Cabin Update: There is an Eagle Scout who will be working on the main cabin and the bathroom cabin. He will recheck the insides of the cabins.

Program Update:

Home Alone Program will be done in May. It is a 2 1/2 hour program designed to teach kids what to do when they are home alone.

The Casino Trip was very successful. Over 40 people signed up. We may try to run this program every 5 months.

Yoga: The Yoga Program has been very well received. It runs Monday 5-7pm and drop in's are encouraged.

Lacross: The Lacross program is up and running. This year there are a lot more girls that signed up.

Hockey Tickets: Only 6 of the 12 tickets were sold, a refund was issued for the other tickets.

Stars on Ice: Only 10 out of 20 tickets were sold.

Barnum and Bailey tickets will be available for the show in October.

Fisher Cats vs Portland Seadog tickets will be available for the June 27th show. It will include a firework display. The tickets will be \$5.00.

Red Sox Tickets: The tickets are \$75.00 and the games are on May 19th and October 1st.

Movies in the Park: June 13th we will be showing the Muppet Movie. August 15th will be Journey to the Center of the Earth in 3D.

The Baseball Card Show will be on June 6th-see Jim if you would like to rent a table. We will look into seeing if the World Series Trophies can be displayed.

British Soccer Camp will be the end of July.

Fun Fair-last year was the first time that we had a table set up. This will be on May 2nd from 10-2pm.

Kimball Pond: Now hiring for lifeguards. The LGC does not insure the trampoline so unless we can find some other insurance, the trampoline will not be able to be used. Bob Blanchette is trying to locate insurance.

Bead Class: coming soon.

Summer Camp- Now hiring staff. Louise will write letters asking for scholarships. Forms are online.

Book Fair: Scheduled for May 30th from 9-6pm. The PTA will have a craft table at the Senior Center on the same day. Crafters will be asked to buy a table and some of their proceeds will go towards the PTA. Kids will sell food. The suggestion was made to offer Slusser Senior Center tours.

Gazebo Entertainment: Currently there are concerts every Wednesday. We should use the gazebo more. We could hire entertainers in conjunction with other recreation departments so we could get a discount rate. We could host events and sell drinks and popcorn. Suggestions were to hire the Riverband, have a Talent Show with community donated prizes. We could also have an End of School Celebration with hotdogs and hamburgers.

Easter Egg Hunt: This is scheduled for April 4th at 11:00 at the High School. We will meet at 9am to set up the registration table, the food table and the face painting table. The Easter Bunny is scheduled to appear at 11:00 and the hunt will begin at 11:30.

Independence Day Celebration: (formally known as the Fourth of July Celebration) The first meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 6pm at the Slusser Senior Center. This meeting will be to recap last year, get suggestions of what worked well and what didn't. The application for the parade is complete. Justin signed it and will have the Chief of Police sign it as well. The Kiddie Parade will be 11:30-11:45. The Main Parade will start at 12:00. There will be no band this year. We have already scheduled a juggler. Last year there were over 1,000 people who attended. Vern will do the background music. Louise will call Kathy Donohue and ask her to sing the Star Spangled Banner. There will be facepainters, raffles, and a cookie bakeoff. Volunteers will be needed for the parade registration and for judging. Louise wants to ask that if folks really want to be involved they need to come to the planning meetings or send a representative.

We may want to rent an ice machine. Ideas for raffle items: folks seemed to be more interested in the bigger items, beach baskets, bubble baskets, speedway tickets, Fishercat tickets, Ipods and Itune Cards.

Yard Sale: Lillian Landry will host a yard sale at the Slusser Senior Center on October 3rd.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wayland