

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2012

The meeting was brought to order at 6:35 pm.

Present: Mark N., Ed K., Jim L., Louise C., Vern M. & Jessica, Rec. Director

Guests: Merle Dustin & Valerie Carr

Absent: Jim M. & Steve C.

The June meeting minutes were approved as written.

Citizen's Forum:

Merle Dustin said she was sorry she missed this year's July 4th event but wanted us to know that she had heard many good comments about the day.

Chris Saunders came to talk to the committee regarding the Spirit Skate Park. Chris has been a BMX rider for 15 years, has assisted with fundraising events in other states that supported the maintenance of skate parks and wanted to offer his assistance with Hopkinton's skate park. Chris recently moved to Hopkinton and frequents the skate park 2 – 3 times a week and had noticed that some areas on the ramps needed repairs. Chris has made many contacts over the years in the skate park industry, which would be to Hopkinton's advantage in getting materials. Chris was unaware that there is a skate park committee so Jessica introduced him to Ed Kerr who is chairman of that committee. Ed will contact Chris when the next skate park meeting will be held.

Recreation Department Updates:

4th of July wrap up financial report

Jessica provided the committee with a breakdown of the 4th of July financials. The revenues to date total was \$4,498 plus \$165 in outstanding silent auction items yet to be picked up, \$100 check from Barton Ins. that hadn't been deposited yet and around \$200 in cash donations. This brings the total revenue to \$4,963. The cash donation bottles need to be counted to give an accurate amount. The event expenses were \$3,964.55 giving a net profit of \$998.45. Louise had set a goal to raise \$5,000 toward the Family Fun Day event and was pleased to see that it was obtained.

4th of July wrap up

need more advertisement for Tooky Cookie Contest

need to focus earlier on the 5K Race as there was a lot of grumbling that it was canceled

make sure to notify Chief Schaefer several days ahead of time for inspection

crafts were not missed so we will not have them again next year

suggested to put main entertainer under big tent instead of in front of library so adults can enjoy the music and the children can run off to play games allowing the adults to still be able to see them.

Put out signs pointing people to vendors out back (horse rides)

Put out cooler with water for parking attendants

Keep same system of judging for kiddie parade – 1 judge per category – saved a lot of time

Next year order race numbers that includes space to write in for name & address - pre attach safety pins

The snack shack revenues from the girls' baseball tournament netted \$608.12. Friday & Saturday sales were sluggish but Sunday sales were nonstop. It was suggested that we put out a tip jar all 3 days as \$30 was collected on Sunday. Mark N & Ed K suggested that we look into Hopkinton Recreation Department lawn signs that can be put out during our events as the banner is not always practical. Mark will look into pricing and report back at our next meeting.

Old Business:

Vern reported that the new audio equipment purchased worked great. Made announcements much easier.

New Business:

Committee member Ann Wayland has resigned from the committee, which was accepted with regret and with appreciation for all that Ann has done for the committee. You will be missed Ann!

Three committee members' terms were up for renewal. Vern & Jim L. said they would like to continue serving on the committee for another 3 years and Jessica will contact Steve C. to see if he would like to stay on the committee also. There was some discussion of appointing a teen representative to the committee so Jessica will discuss this with Neal and report back to us. The committee would like to ask Brian Morgan if he would like to become an official member of the committee as he has been a great help in past events.

The date has been set for this year's Halloween Holler. The event will be held on Oct. 27th and Jessica will contact Harold Martin School as the costume parade typically coincides with the Halloween Holler. Vern said he would be happy to coordinate the event again this year.

TD Bank will be contacted as they expressed an interest in working with the recreation department on other children's events.

Other Business:

Upcoming Fall programs will include First Kicks Program that was very successful last year, the children's art program will run again this fall at the same time, 4:30 – 5:30 pm followed by an adult art program 5:30 – 7:00 pm. A new horse riding program will be held by Forevergreen Farm. Next month Jessica will be running the Lacrosse meetings as Rob Nadeau has stepped down and other committee members do not want to take over as the coordinator but are willing to continue to help in various parts of the program.

The official date for the pond closing will be August 23rd as the life guards need to return back to college.

Next movie in the park will be Aug. 18th in combination with a family chicken BBQ at 6:30 pm. The movie will be "Mirror Mirror" and start around 8:30 pm. As always, the movie in the park is free.

The senior yard sale will be Sept. 29th at the Slusser Center. Donations are still be accepted.

The date to do some fall cleaning out at the cabins will be Sept. 29th. The back cabin needs to be resorted and dispose of haunted house items that are no longer capable of being used. Jessica will contact DPW to see if they could deliver a truck for us to toss the trash into.

The next scheduled recreation committee meeting will be Aug. 28th at 6:30 pm in the Slusser Center.

Respectfully submitted by Louise Carr