

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2013

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm.

Oct. 29th meeting minutes were approved as written.

Citizen's Forum: 3 civic class students attended the meeting as part of their assignment.

Recreation Dept. Updates:

Spirit Skate Park: Jessica reported that not much has happened since our last meeting.

Kimball Cabin Committee: Louise gave the committee a brief update of what the committee has accomplished. As of the meeting the Kimball Lake Committee had gone on a tour of the Kimball Lake property and had held their first meeting. They are doing research of the property, getting estimates for the needed repairs to the cabins and the goal is to have a short presentation ready for town meeting.

Old Business:

Black History Update: Mark N. was not at the meeting to give an update but Jessica informed us that the movie "42" will be shown on Feb. 1st 2014 in honor of Black History month. Mark has been in communication with the schools to see if they would be interested in having special activities to help students understand the meaning of Black History.

Ice Skating Rink: Gregg and the B&G crew has laid the base of the rink down at George's Park, the lining has been installed and the fire dept. flooded the rink. Signs will be posted that pick up hockey games will not be allowed on the skating rink. Mark, part time employee who lines the fields, will be responsible to clear the ice after a storm and the fire dept. will have the Explorers flood the ice as needed.

New Business:

Red Cross Babysitting Course: The Red Cross is now charging \$250 for instructor fees and a cancellation fee of \$120 if they are not notified 10 days in advance. In order to have the class a minimum of 10 children need to register. To cover the additional instructor fee the course will need to increase its fees from \$85 to \$115 to break even. Due to the sudden increase of \$30 in fees to take the course it seemed reasonable to only increase the course fee by \$10 this year and absorb the remaining cost.

Fisher Cats: Jessica has been in communication with the director to discuss better arrangements for upcoming games. The dept. has been assured that we will receive better ticket pricing, have the opportunity to staff a concession stand and receive a percentage of the proceeds and the ability to purchase a block of tickets which can be used as flex tickets if the purchase holder is not able to make the game date.

December Holiday: The gingerbread house making date is set for Dec. 7th. Jessica will need a couple of people to assist with putting the gingerbread houses together on Friday morning. Breakfast with Santa is December 14th. Mark will order the food, Shelly & Louise will organize the craft activities and give Jessica a supply list. Members have been assigned their tasks for the day. It was voted to absorb the costs of the paper products so we will be able to give a bigger donation this

year. The holiday lights judging contest will be Dec. 16th. We will meet at Mark's house then proceed from there to judge houses then return to Mark's for chili and snacks. Santa calling will be Dec. 17th. Ed & Vern will be "Santa" and start calling around 5:00 pm.

Movie Marathon: Dec. 1st there will be a Christmas movie marathon afternoon. Children age 9-14 years can be dropped off and children under 9 years will need to be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration is required. Refreshments will be available to purchase. The movies to be shown will be Home Alone, Arthur Christmas & the Grinch.

The Recreation Guidebook is out of date. It was last updated in 2010 and a lot of the information is incorrect. It will be the goal of the committee to divide the sections among us to review and to update.

Hopkinton Funnelator and winter festival will be Feb. 16th. The new time will be from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Jessica will follow up with Mark to see where the surgical tubing was purchased. Funnels will also need to be purchased this year.

Jessica is working out the logistics of having a photography themed Feb. vacation week. She will keep us updated as the details get worked out.

Due to the many activities in December the committee will not be holding our Dec. meeting. Our next meeting will be Jan. 14th with the emphasis on planning the funnelator event. We will also hold our regular scheduled meeting on Jan. 28th.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.