

Hopkinton Recreation Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Absent: Brian M.

Guests: Matthew Hall & Merle Dustin

January 8, 2013 were approved.

Citizen's Forum: Matthew Hall expressed his desire to join the recreation committee. Jessica will contact the Board with the recommendation for his appointment to the committee.

Recreation Department Updates:

There was a short discussion regarding the expenses of the Breakfast with Santa, as it seemed the donation to Operation Christmas was smaller than past years. This discussion was tabled until Jessica can review the expenses and compile a listing for the committee to review and discuss ways to cut costs.

The winter movie night "Madagascar" was very successful with just under 60 people in attendance.

Summer Camps/Programs:

Jessica is already lining up the summer camp schedule with some fun theme camp weeks. Theatre camp, lego camp, and multi-sport camp are just a few upcoming camp weeks.

Jessica is in contact with Kimball Jenkins to line up more art programs again this year.

The Jr. Theatre program was a success and families have requested that Jessica continue that program. There are 3 theatre camps being planned, one in April that will require a 2-month commitment, a mini summer camp at the end of August and another Christmas season performance.

Old Business:

The new shirt logo/slogan has been tabled until a later date.

The Lighting Tournament will be held July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> and the committee will again sell refreshments as a fundraiser. Last year we profited \$600 from the sales. The committee will take turns manning the stand throughout the weekend.

June 1<sup>st</sup> Fisher Cat's game will be Hopkinton Recreation Department's 50%-50% fundraiser. All committee members are encouraged to try to be available to help sell the tickets, which in turn will increase the amount of money that we could make. Another benefit will be a child from Hopkinton will be selected to toss the first pitch of the game.

Comcast Care Day is coming up in April and the committee felt that we will not be prepared to host it this year but are in hopes that we will be able to host it sometime in the near future when we have a clear project to present.

Update on the skating rink – Town Administrator indicated that it is still anticipated the skating rink will be completed before the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Funnelator Event.

New Business:

Jim M. did a recap of the upcoming Funnelator event. We are hoping for snow so we can still use snowballs for the funnelators but will use tennis balls as a substitute if needed.

Flyers have been distributed to all of the schools and the high school students will get theirs in their cubicle.

Ed has talked to Mr. Kelly at the high school and it is planned to run a youtube video of people playing with a funnelator to help promote the event.

Jessica will make up a waiver for participants to sign when they come to pick up their funnelator kit.

Vern will assist with the drilling of the funnels as people put their kit together inside the senior center.

Mark will be in charge of refreshments inside the senior center and people can take their hot chocolate down by the fire pit to keep warm.

Ed will check to see if DPW has a culvert that can be used as a fire pit. If one is not available Vern has offered the use of a large fire pit that he recently purchased. Ed will also contact the fire department to say the committee would like to have the forestry truck at the site if it is available. Ed, Jessica & Jim L. are looking for pallets that can be burned in the fire pit. It is thought that 30 pallets should be enough for the few hours it will be burning. Jim L. will be in charge of the fire pit.

Jessica will handle the details for the scavenger hunt. Certificates for free food items or discounts for upcoming programs will be made for prizes.

Louise & Marilyn will run the turkey bowling event. Louise & Vern will work together to gather tires or some other item that can be used for the sides of the alley. Mark has been freezing liter bottles for the pins and Jim M. has tough clear plastic that will line the alley for easier rolling of the turkey. Mark was able to find a 13 lb. turkey on sale that will be used as the bowling ball. Containers will be available to collect donations for the food pantry.

The Boys & Girls club will be assisting us and will help fill in areas that we still need volunteers. They will also take charge of the snow-sculpting contest if there is enough snow to hold the contest.

Vern & Louise will look for white boards that will be used to write down team scores. Jessica will charge the walkie-talkies so the field judges can communicate to the scorekeeper. Louise will bring 8 cinder blocks to be used to weigh down the targets in case it gets windy.

Set up will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the day of the event.

Jessica has planned another winter movie night for March 16<sup>th</sup>. She will select one of the newer children's movies to show in hopes that some families may not have already watched it.

Jessica told the committee about the Shana Stack Band that she heard while at a conference and was wondering if the committee would like to book them for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. The committee discussed the cost for the 2 hours and if this would be an appropriate time & place for the band. It was concluded that the Shana Stack Band concert should be an event all by itself perhaps a concert in the park sometime this summer. Jessica will get back to the band to confirm a performance date.

**Next scheduled meeting will be Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** due to February vacation following on our regularly scheduled meeting date.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.