

Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Public Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.

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

Absent: Jessica, Jim L., Brian M., Matthew H.

January meeting minutes were approved as written.

Recreation Department Updates/Wrap-Ups:

Funnelator Winter Festival: The event was an overall success and the committee was very pleased with the first funnelator event. There are a few areas that we would like to improve upon for next year. We will start the event at noon as the sun goes down early and the late afternoon becomes too chilly. We will need a volunteer or Jessica to relieve the committee members so they can engage in some of the activities. The turkey-bowling concept was a good idea but the design will need to be redone for next year. A long boxed "alley" will be built and lined with plastic then freeze a thin layer of ice for easier sliding of the turkeys. Jim M. wants to work out an easier way of measuring distances for better accuracy. Mark had worked in the kitchen area making hot chocolate and popcorn to give to participants and let us know that many people had requested to purchase food items for lunch. Next year we will provide food for sale. Ed said that 15 –20 pallets worked out well for the bonfire. Trophies should be moved to another location as some of participants' thought they were available to take as a souvenir. Jessica will need to order more surgical tubing sometime in November. The turkey bowling fundraiser received several bags of food and \$25 in cash donations. The donation jars collected \$73.75. We borrowed the fire department's wooden turkey, which unfortunately fell over and broke the turkey's neck. Byron has looked at the wooden turkey and thinks he will be able to repair it. If the turkey cannot be repaired to the fire department's satisfactory then the recreation department will pay to have another one made. Louise will contact Morgan Murdough Signs to get an estimate if necessary.

Old Business:

Skate rink update – Neal was in the process of ordering a portable skate rink. As of the time of our meeting the rink had not been delivered. It is unlikely that the rink will be installed this season.

New Business:

Winter movie night will be March 16th and Jessica has selected "Ice Age" as the movie to be shown.

The committee received a thank you note from Marilyn Bresaw thanking us for our efforts with the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser that benefited Operation Christmas.

Ed will be sending out a letter to the editors seeking donations for camp scholarships.

Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 23, 2013 at the high school. Jessica will order candy & toy filled eggs and will have volunteers fill empty eggs from last year with a better selection of candy. Mark will bring the chair for the Easter Bunny to sit in, Louise will photocopy Easter coloring pages and Jessica will bring in the crayons from the barn. Jessica will send out an email to our youth volunteers requesting help with the face painting. Jim M. recommended that we lay out the gym a little differently this year. The preschoolers will line up along the back of the gym and the kindergarteners to first grade will be

along the opposite wall and when scattering eggs we will leave a middle buffer. We will need to bring extra baskets or grocery bags for the children who have forgotten their Easter basket.

Other Business:

Jessica has arranged with the American Red Cross for them to do their babysitting course which will be April 13, 2013.

Mark would like the committee to look into purchasing block tickets to family events such as Disney on Ice, Harlem Globetrotters, Circus, and Capital Center for the Arts or the Palace Theatre.

The Recreation Committee's next scheduled meeting will be March 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.