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Hopkinton Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
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1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.
Present: Ed, Shelly, Jessica, Mark, Jane, Vern, Jim M.
Absent: Jim L.
2. The minutes from the February were approved.
3. Citizen's Forum
Ann Wayland joined the meeting specifically in support of the Independence Day event.
4. Recreation Department Update:
 - (A) Jessica presented an overview of programs.
 - Monarch Game. About 30 people attended and about \$60 was raised. The date may have interfered with sports and perhaps next year the game date chosen could be in March to attract more participants. The committee also discussed combining it with a social gathering to make it more of a Hopkinton event rather than an individual family event.
 - Lacrosse. Still accepting registrations. Registrations close this week.
 - Beginner Archery. Have about 4 or 5 signed up.
 - Red Cross Babysitting course. Have 4 registered, need 8 to run it.
 - April Vacation - Jessica is seeking an affordable camp
 - Gardening Club and Hershey's Track and Field Camp. Both are ready for registration.
 - British Soccer Camp with Challenger Sports is set up for Aug 18-22.
 - The GPS British Soccer organization will be providing two free camp days on 06/19 and 06/20. This takes care of two of the three days during the week that school lets out for the summer.
 - Summer Positions. Jessica has been pleased with the number and quality of applicants applying for the open positions.
 - Mohegan Sun Trip. About 40 have signed up.
 - There are many Senior activities planned, including some around the 250 anniversary.
 - (B) Kimball Cabins: Another good meeting was held. Derek Owen had done remodeling work on the cabins 30 years ago and he attended the meeting. The committee is planning on presenting several options to the selectman. One that is being discussed is a plan to rework all the cabins, starting with Cabin 1. The work would be done by volunteers and through the committee fundraising efforts.
5. Old Business:
 - (A) Funnelator and Turkey Bowl. The Turkey Bowl needs to be replaced with a different activity. It was decided to table the debrief and have Jessica put the emails that were sent into the file for the planning of next year's event.
 - (B) Movie Night, Frozen, was a great success. Concession hasn't been counted yet. Jessica and Shelly picked the date to coincide with the public release of the movie and that is one reason

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that it may have been so well attended. This will probably be a good strategy when picking the summer movie titles.

6. New Business:

- (A) Easter Egg Hunt. Jessica will take care of having the eggs stuffed. The location will be High School. Decision will be made that day of whether to have it outside or inside. Jane will take care of decorating the Bunny's chair. Face painting, crafts, food and other activities will be held inside. Mark will take care of the food. Jessica will ask Bill if he will play live music. Vern will take care of the PA system. Younger children will be given a head start and a different area to hunt for the eggs. Committee will arrive that morning (04/12) between 8:30 am and 9:00 am.
- (B) Town Yard Sale. Jessica suggested holding the yard sale to coincide with the Softball Tournament and to hold it at the high school. This will attract both the parents of the softball players as well as more drive by participants. Also, there usually are recreation committee members there anyway. It will be a bring-your-own table event for a fee of \$10 for each day (Saturday and Sunday).
- (C) Independence Day Event. There is a lot to do. Ed and Jessica met and generated a list of tasks and suggested committee members for each one. The committee accepted these suggestions and assignments were handed out and discussed. Ed will be the master coordinator for all activities. Jessica will be the point person for any purchases, contracts, and reimbursements. More details will follow. The committee decided to these meetings in addition to the regularly monthly meeting:
 - i. April 8
 - ii. May 13
 - iii. May 27
 - iv. June 10
 - v. June 24Ed will invite community partners to the next meeting on April 8 to coordinate their activities as well.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.