Hopkinton Recreation Department minutes September 27th 2022

Attending: Louise, Paul, Paula, Glenn, Flo Jim, Mark and Ann. Joyce was excused.

Guest: Melaney Sala

The group welcomed Melaney who is interested in joining.

The August minutes were approved as written.

Murder Mystery Dinner wrap up. Louise sent an email out asking folks what suggestions they have from the dinner. Bigger salad and dinner plates and maybe consider a high quality paper plate to cut down on dishes. Buffet style calling up tables individually. Take care next time to break while the food is served. Cut the desserts down to two. Put the salads down while people are at the buffet. The whiskey tasting cut down on the sale of alcohol. Consider having a local sponsor instead. Maybe wine or cheese. Bring out the volunteers at the end to introduce them and thank them. Send thank you cards to volunteers who are not on the committee. We agreed to do an annual event as a means to fundraise for other events. Ann volunteered to be the Sunshine

Club person who will send thank you cards as needed.

Barn update: Jim was asked about removing the Fire department's wooden Turkey and their training equipment. He will arrange for it to be picked up. Marilyn helped with the barn cleanup this week and another recreation volunteers will help on Sunday.

The old caskets will be sold.

Paula notified the group that due to an illness in the family she will be leaving at some point and we should assign other committee members to chair the events for the rest of the year. Jim will chair the Halloween Hollar on October 22nd as well as the pumpkin walk on October 29th. The walk will have folks carve pumpkins that will be judged. The top three will be awarded prizes. The following day the pumpkins will be moved to Veterans wall for display. Jim will need a couple of volunteers to man the registration and walk. Bring flashlights. Ann will chair the Scarecrow contest. Note: this event had been cancelled as Paula was called away and cannot handle the registration remotely.

Mark will chair the Breakfast with Santa event. Glenn and Paul will chair the Easter Egg Scramble.

Pickle ball: Lines were placed on two of the tennis courts and an introduction program was set up for this self guided program. Although the introduction times were not available for working folks we will work through these issues. A lockbox holds the equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting is October 25th at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Miller.