

HOPKINTON RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2022

PRESENT: Glenn S., Paul O., Joyce B., Flo D., Jim L., Louise C., Paula S

ABSENT: Ann M., Mark N.

The January 25, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as written.

This was a working session of stuffing easter eggs with assorted candies and an occasional taste testing during the meeting.

The bartender for the Murder Mystery Dinner is not available on Sept. 17th but could be available the Friday 16th or Sunday 18th. The committee thought it would be too difficult to try to prepare for a Friday evening event since most members work during the day and that attendance may be low if we have it on a Sunday evening for parents with children. Several committee members will research local bars and online to see if another bartender is available for the 17th. Mark was not at the meeting but will be contacted to inquire if someone could act as a bartender under his alcohol management training that is required by State law.

Easter egg hunt will be April 9th this year at Harold Martin School. The event will be renamed the Easter Egg Scramble since we do not actually hide eggs for children to find but scatter the eggs into the fields. Paula will contact Principal Bill Carozza about any COVID restrictions that we will need to follow if the event is held inside due to inclement weather. The committee will meet at the school around 7:30 a.m. to set up, the Easter Bunny arrives around 9:30 a.m. and the scramble will begin with the youngest group at 10:00 a.m. The large wicker chair is starting to deteriorate so it was suggested that we use one of the wooden rocking chairs from the Kimball Cabins. Flo will reach out to the Interact Club to see if they are interested in assisting with face painting, games, scattering the eggs and setting up coloring stations.

Louise asked if the committee would be interested in developing a community survey. The questions would center around what events or activities the community would like to see offered in town. In particular, trying to reach more middle-aged adults that current events are not targeting. It was decided to not move forward with it at this time.

The committee discussed the upcoming 4th of July event. An average cost of past expenditures was discussed and what events will be held at the Riverside Park location. Louise will provide the committee with a list of past sponsors and divide the list among the committee members. The goal is to have commitments from the majority of the sponsors by the next meeting. Once the funds have been committed then the entertainment can be booked and the games reserved. Jim informed the committee that the Contoocook Chamber of Commerce has decided not to co-host the Family Fun Day and will not be doing a separate event on July 3rd. They still have limited information regarding the fireworks.

Paula gave the committee an update on programs the recreation department will be having. A walking club is being organized for a weekly walk on the nature trails, the seniors are looking forward to having lunch back in the dining room ,a building with clay class, and a spring craft project. Paula continues to look for new ideas to offer at the Slusser Center.

Paula mentioned that she has held a winter gear sale in the past with the Interact Club. She inquired if the committee would be interested in resurrecting this event again. It is very time consuming so will need a lot of assistance organizing and labeling the equipment as well as the day of the sale. The first week in October is the target date to organize this fundraiser.

The next meeting will be March 29, 2022

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Louise Carr