

Hopkinton Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 29, 2022

Present: Flo D., Paula S., Glenn S., Joyce B., Jim L., Mark N., Louise C.

Absent: Ann W.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes of February 22, 2022 was approved as written.

Paula, Joyce & Louise will meet Thursday around 9:00 a.m. to gather up and sort bins of Easter supplies and leave in the Slusser Center for easy access.

The committee will meet at the Houston Barn on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. to load up the trucks for the Easter Egg Scramble. Mark will arrive early to make coffee and platter up the donuts and carrots. He will bring down everything needed for food & beverages to the Harold Martin School. The goal is to be at HMS around 7:30 a.m. to set up. Flo will inform the Interact volunteers. Need to remember to bring an armchair from the Slusser Center for the Easter Bunny to sit in. Mark mentioned if children wanted to color pages and put their first names on them, he will bring the coloring pages to the nursing home residents. Paul will bring yard stakes and surveyors tape to mark out the areas for pre-K, K-1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2nd – 3rd grades. Joyce, Glenn & Ann will not be at the scramble this year.

It was suggested that next year we fill eggs then take orders from residents and committee members will go out Easter eve to toss the eggs in their yards. This could be a good fundraiser as we already have hundreds of empty eggs. Several options with different pricing will be offered and a yard sign could be installed stating “You’ve Been Egged”. The signs will be collected after Easter to be reused each year.

Still trying to work out the details of needing to hire a bartender for the Murder Mystery Dinner. Mark will discuss it with his contact now he has more information and Paula will follow up with Neal and the NH Liquor Commission Office to inquire about getting a one-day special permit. Merrimack County Savings Bank has agreed to sponsor the dinner for \$500. They will promote the dinner through their website.

We have raised \$1,100 to date towards the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Fun Day. The goal is to reach at least \$3,000 by the next meeting. Because the event will be held at Riverway Park we will need to rent additional portable toilets. As more money is raised Louise will lock in a musician, the inflatables and the balloonist.

Louise mentioned since the barn bond passed at town meeting the committee should consider setting up some dates to start sorting the items in the barn before it gets too hot. She will confirm the new storage location so items can be moved over gradually.

Recreation Director Updates:

Hannaford will be sending a nutritionist to do a wellness foods demonstration. Summer camp registrations are almost full. It was necessary to raise the weekly fee to \$200 due to the need of having

to pay staff more in order to be more competitive. In the process of hiring more staff. Specialty art camp filled very quickly. Still in the process of hiring life guides. It is getting increasingly more difficult to find teens who will work the days and hours needed to keep Kimball Pond open. There has been a discussion that it may be necessary to go back to swimming at your own risk. British Soccer Camp registrations start soon. Byron Carr has offered to come to do art demonstrations as a way of asking people what medium they would be interested in learning more about. Joe from the Birches will be coming to do a cooking demonstration. Dan Dustin has offered to come play his flute the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month after senior lunch. The building with clay class was successful and participants have asked for another class. This time they will build pinched pots. There will be an adult trail walking group who will meet twice a month April through June.

Next meeting will be April 26, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Louise Carr.