

NORTH HAMPTON RECREATION MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2022

In attendance: Joe Manzi, Jane Morse, Willow Foley, Danielle Strater, Marty Tavitian

Marty called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Danielle made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting, seconded by Willow and agreed on by all.

There were no public comments.

Members update: Marty, Willow and Jane's term will be expiring later this year and Joe requested they express their desire to stay on or not.

NHYA update: On 5/7 baseball will commence including pre-school and youth. Mr Baczewski is the baseball commissioner . Spring soccer is still taking sign-ups until 5/4. David McNamara is the soccer coach. There is no flag football this spring as it was felt it was too chaotic and disruptive to Knowles Field. Exeter soccer teams are utilizing Knowles Field. UNH club soccer had expressed interest in renting field space. The port-a-potty is supplied by Hussy Septic at Knowles. Fall registrations are now open for the travel teams.

Egg Scramble: This was a great success with approximately 160 children participating. The rain held off, there were many volunteers to help and Lindt Chocolates generously donated 40 plus pounds of chocolate. Many thanks to the PASA group who helped assemble the gift bags.

Memorial Day BBQ: Sponsors to date include Shaw's for 25.00, Home Depot for 200.00, Joe's Meat Shoppe for approximately 200.00, NHBA for 200.00. Hannaford and Dunkins to be solicited. Marty is looking into purchasing a gas grill. Volunteers will be recruited to help out and a detailed list of what will be needed will be provided at the May meeting.

Old Home Day: This is planned for the second Saturday in August. Many ideas were discussed such as corn hole competition, soccer, baseball and dodge ball games, face painting, races for kids. Marty will check on the availability of a dunk tank. There will be a kick off adult night at Centennial Hall. Joe is checking out a band and the availability of the Old Salt to provide a bar and appetizers. Willow will check out the possibility of a silent auction as a fundraiser as well. Fireworks at Dearborn Park will conclude the event and we are hoping to find a sponsor or sponsors to help defray the expense. There will be acknowledgments of sponsors on fliers, posters, banners and online. There will be further planning and discussion at the next meeting in May.

Senior programs: Besides the PASA lunches, Joe planned an event to see Bye Bye Birdie and next will be a trip on the Down Easter to Freeport.

Employee update: For the summer program three 8th graders have been hired as helpers. A youth program coordinator has been hired.

Dearborn Park: Irrigation will be turned on this week. Joe is encouraging anyone interested in softball this summer to sign up now.

Marty adjourned the meeting at 7:14.