

Minutes for New Ipswich Parks and Rec

February 23, 2017 7pm

In attendance- Mindy Buxton, Tina McCabe, Nichole Talbot, Shawn Talbot, Tania Philbrick, Dylan Kelly and Madelyn Vaillancourt

We have some members for our Fourth of July Committee and they will be getting a separate email. If you are interested please let me know so you can be added.

-We have two fundraisers set up so far- a large yard sale at the town wide yard sale in June as well as a bingo night at the church. We discussed many other options that we will pursue and discuss at future Fourth meetings.

We got confirmation from Chad Saunders with the JoMarc that he would be doing his usual donation of \$600 for our annual Fishing Derby!! Heather Mahoney has also agreed to sell the fish again this year at the NI Market! Big thank you's to both!!!

-Mindy spoke with George Lawrence and he will let the cemetery committee know that our Fishing Derby will be held on May 20.

We raised just over \$600 at our 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

-We need to do more advertising next year. And our coaches need to encourage the parents to sign the kids up.

-We need to change the 1/2grade games to 10 minutes instead of the 15 we have for the other age groups.

Cheer was a great turn out for our first year, but the girls learned a lot and really enjoyed themselves.

-Kristen ran a great program and I hope that next year she is able to find the necessary volunteers. If not, the 1/2 grade program will be cut.

- Possibly need to find different uniforms to save a bit more on money.

- We really would like to get some higher quality mats for the girls.

Softball is already up and going. We've started sign ups and have three teams already.

-Almost all the updated equipment has been purchased for the upcoming season.

-We received a very generous donation of \$2,500 to include the installation of 6 telephone posts for the use of a replacement of a batting cage at upper field for the softball program. We are just waiting on the selectmen to accept the donation.

-Tina started working on sponsors. \$100 for team sponsors \$200 for field sponsors (comes with a banner hung on upper field)

Kelly discussed basketball- She has a few adjustments for next year

-the hhes games only need 1 high school referee per game.

-we will be looking in to using a different league next year for our travel program. Shawn will make a call to some of our contacts from soccer to see if their basketball programs would be interested in playing next season. If not we may be looking into a 5/6grade clinic program.

-We need to look in to our 3/4grade travel team a bit more for next year. Costs are very high for a rec program.

-Troy has provided our hhes games with volunteers for reffing. We will be issuing him a \$650 check to cover costs of the high school volunteers jackets.

-Travel games will be limited to 5-6 games each.

Shawn has been speaking with the British Soccer Program and Wilton Soccer Organization and we are going to have a great u10 & u12 spring soccer clinic this year! Fees are \$35 and include a tee shirt. Looking at Sunday afternoons starting in May.

Online payment for sports programs are a go. We are just waiting for the company to install it on the town website.

The father daughter dance was a huge success and the café was packed. We will look into using the gym next year.

-The girls will need three hours to decorate next year.

-Shawn built a great structure to provide the opportunity to hang more lights and a disco ball. We will need to reimburse him.

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held at Memorial Field

-We will be doing egg stuffing and cleaning the week before

-Someone will need to pick up the eggs donated by Longhorn Steakhouse

-We will have face painting, food, free pictures with the Easter Bunny, and some fun outdoor games!

Jacquelyn will be starting up a women's hiking club. About 10 women, 4 hikes at \$5 each or \$15 for all four.

-we will need payment and waiver signed beforehand.

-she should start the program up around April

Mindy left a message for Ollie regarding Memorial day and possibly having a celebration at Memorial Field afterwards.

Meeting days will now be 4th Thursday of the month

NEXT MEETING WILL BE March 23, 2017

As always sign up forms for upcoming programs can be found on the town website.

www.townofnewipswich.org

As of now the areas we are looking for volunteers are:

- Easter event
- Autumn Fest
- Movie Night
- Adult Rec Committee (new need ideas and coordinators)
- Youth Soccer Program
- Fourth of July Committee