

## **APPROVED**

### **East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 8, 2017**

Members in attendance – Phillip Heinz, Jan Aldrich, Robert Fitch, Cristin O’Donnell, Michael Blanchard, Jack Zeilenga, Alex Rob

Non-Members in attendance – Kristi Flynn, Don Welch, Paul Winters

- Discussion between the board, Mrs. Flynn and Mr. Welch regarding CJ Flynn’s role with the softball program. Mrs. Flynn submitted a public records request to the board for all agendas and minutes since 2014 as well as any emails or texts related to CJ.
- Discussion between the board and Mr. Welch, town treasurer, to understand the next steps in the process of East Montpelier Recreation formally separating from the town. The goal is to separate by the end of the fiscal year (June 30). Completing the separation in the short timeframe is a possibility.
- Phillip is working with an insurance agent in Waitsfield to determine insurance options for EM Recreation to cover participants and board members.
- Board unanimously voted Robert Fitch to serve as treasurer (Alex Rob was not in attendance for this vote).
- Board unanimously voted Jack Zeilenga to serve as clerk.
- Paul Winters was introduced to the board as a candidate to become a member and to oversee the baseball/softball programs. A request is being sent to the town select board to approve Paul as a board member at their next meeting.
- Jan reported out that the Easter Egg Hunt was a success even though it was not as well attended as in previous years. They were short staffed for the event and she noted that they will need more volunteer help next year for the event.
- Opening weekend for Little League on the East Montpelier Recreation fields was a success, despite some early games being rained out. Phillip noted that communication between Little League and the Rec Board was not as good as needed, resulting in some confusion about how many teams would be showing up and how many games played. Next season we need to be certain that Little League communicates with the Rec Board if we are hosting an opening weekend again.

- The website has been updated.
- The Policies & Procedures Manual is going to be reviewed and revised. Board members will review the document and the board will discuss at the next meeting.
- Bob reported out that the lacrosse clinics are underway, despite the uncooperative weather, and have been going well.
- Bob also reported that he has access to millable lumber for use in building the new shed on the Rec Field if needed.
- Don Welch reported that EM Recreation should have about \$9,900 in its fund.
- Mike reported that he and Alex have been discussing trying to offer some outdoor recreation opportunities, such as an Outing Club, rock climbing, camping, etc. This is something the Rec Board may be able to consider overseeing in the future but it will depend on insurance. This idea will be tabled for now and can be revisited once the Rec Board separates from the town and has insurance in place.