

APPROVED

East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2017

Members in attendance – Phillip Heinz, Janice Aldrich, Cristin O’Donnell, Bob Fitch, Paul Winters, Alex Rob, Jack Zeilenga

Meeting called to order 7:21 PM

- Minutes from September 11 meeting approved.
- Financial overview
 - EM Recreation currently has \$12,000 in its account.
 - \$2,870 was collected from soccer fees. Much of this has been reinvested in the program.
 - Payment for soccer uniforms, balls, whistles, and needles for the pump has been reimbursed.
 - Bob is working on cleaning up the records for finances that are restricted for soccer and basketball. Records from past years as well as current are being reviewed.
- Baseball – Field Improvements
 - After speaking with two contractors, Paul brought a quote forward for repairs to the baseball field.
 - Material will be brought in to level off infield base paths and to rebuild the pitching mound. The softball base paths will be tilled and raked to clear them of weeds. Contractor is willing to donate \$500 worth of work to the project.
 - Board voted unanimously to approve motion not to exceed \$2,782.00 for G.M. Bowen Excavating Contractor, Inc to carry out repairs/upgrades to the baseball field. Work should be able to begin in late October.
 - In the winter Paul will be speaking with Central Vermont Little League to discuss what might be a fair amount for them to contribute to this project as CVLL makes use of the field for Sunday baseball as well as All-Star practices and some games.
 - This winter Paul and his father will also be building a wooden scoreboard to be installed in the spring, at no cost to EM Recreation.
- Soccer Update
 - Due to the holiday this past weekend, dates for the upcoming Jamborees were changed.
 - 5/6 is scheduled for Saturday, October 14
 - K-2 is scheduled for Saturday, October 21
 - Referee program has been very successful. Almost every game has had two referees.
- Basketball Update
 - Sign up forms have been sent to the school and are being handed out to students.
 - Game scheduling has begun and schedules should be completed by late October.

- The board voted unanimously to allocate up to \$250 for Jack to order any uniforms needed to fill out the inventory.
- Scholarship Applications
 - Board discussed best process to track and keep a paper trail for scholarship applications. The board unanimously approved a motion that program leads need to have written documentation of a scholarship request and approval, which can be done as an email. Any scholarships awarded need to be brought to the attention of the treasurer, in the form of a forwarded email or written communication.
- Central Vermont Middle School Football
 - VPA has voted to remove tackling after this season. Moving to flag football will greatly reduce the number of possible opponents, as it is believed that Middlebury is the only other team that will be playing flag. Many teams around the state participate in the Northern Vermont Youth Football League (NVYFL), which allows tackling.
 - U-32 athletic director has asked whether EM Recreation would be interested/willing to take over the Central Vermont Raiders program. By running it through a non-profit organization the team could play under the NVYFL and its rules and regulations.
 - There are still some questions to be addressed relating to cost and agreements whereby U-32 would store all the equipment and provide the field. There was some discussion about reaching out to Barre Youth Sports (BYSA) to determine whether they may or may not be interested in discussing partnering in this.
 - Bob and Paul will work on gathering more information about the requirements should EM Recreation agree to take this on, as well as whether BYSA could be an option.
 - Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.
- Policies and Procedures Manual
 - The board discussed the current changes that have been made to the working draft of the manual. A renewed effort is being made to overhaul and update the document so that it can be voted on by the board and then the town select board.
 - The document may be broken out into two separate pieces – bylaws and athletic policies and procedures or changed into an overall resource manual. Discussion and editing will continue with hopes of having a new document completed and ready for vote in November.
- Park Committee
 - Up and running with lots of enthusiasm
 - Tree-line are between school property and Recreation Field has been trimmed up and cleaned out.
 - Group will be working on building a new shed in the spring.
 - Cement will be donated by Hutch.
- District disposition and ours – Tabled

- Website training and updates - Tabled

Meeting adjourned 8:58PM

Next meeting to be held on November 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM, East Montpelier Elementary School.