

## APPROVED

### East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2017

Members in attendance –Janice Aldrich, Bob Fitch, Paul Winters, Alex Rob, Jack Zeilenga, Mike Blanchard

Meeting called to order 6:10 PM

- Minutes from October 9 meeting approved pending two minor edits.
- Financial overview
  - EM Recreation currently has about \$9,000 in its account.
  - The bill for the baseball field work done by G.M. Bowen has been paid.
  - Bob reported out that reimbursement for purchases made by board members for EM Recreation can be done by sending him a picture of a receipt that he can approve and then send to the town treasurer for approval and payment.
- Basketball update
  - Practice times have been set. Coaches are all in place. Games scheduling is almost complete.
  - Board unanimously approved motion to authorize Jack to spend \$470.94 for purchase of 19 new uniforms and \$314.19 for purchase of five new youth size basketballs, a small ball cage, and ten whistles for the upcoming basketball season. This approval replaces the authorization of \$250 for purchases at the October 9 meeting, which was not spent.
- Baseball updates
  - Upgrading of the baseball field was completed.
    - Field drains extremely well now. Should allow for play under wetting conditions this coming season.
  - Storm damage
    - The recent storm twisted the batting cage, picked up and deposited half of it on top of the home dugout.
      - Many of the poles are bent and not likely useable.
      - Netting is in good condition still, has been removed and stored in dugout.
    - Paul will reach out to town to see if insurance might cover the damage and allow for replacement of the cage. If not, Paul has an unused cage at this home that he may be willing to donate that might last a season or two.
    - Board unanimously approved motion to authorize Paul to spend \$149.38 to purchase a new pitching rubber and home plate for the baseball field. If weather permits it will be installed this fall.
    - Concern about baseball equipment overwintering in the dugout sheds as rodents will chew up baseball, chest protectors, and inner foam lining of batting helmets.

- Board unanimously approved motion to authorize Paull no more than \$250 to purchase large sealable plastic tubs to store baseball supplies in.
        - Baseball equipment at risk of being damaged over the winter will be stored in tubs in the dugout sheds.
- Central Vermont Middle School Football
  - Bob spoke with BYSA last week about possibility of their overseeing the current middle school program.
  - Bob will be speaking with the U-32 AD soon to have a similar discussion.
  - More research will be done but it is generally agreed upon that this is more than the EM Recreation Board can take on.
- Program Advertising
  - Bob is trying to grow the lacrosse program for elementary school students. Looking for ideas on advertising.
    - Discussion by the board on possible way to advertise the program to towns outside the district.
      - Ideas include
        - Lawn signs.
        - Contacting other school athletic directors.
        - Addition of the program into the Montpelier Rec catalogue.
- Volunteer coaching/background checks
  - Discussion about process for background checks.
    - Volunteer coaching form will be edited and updated to include background check information section.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM

Next meeting to be held on December 11, 2017 at 7:15 PM, East Montpelier Elementary School.