

## **APPROVED**

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

**March 12, 2018**

Members in attendance –Janice Aldrich, Bob Fitch, Jack Zeilenga, Phillip Heinz, Alex Rob, Michael Blanchard, Paul Winter (first half, by phone), Cristin O’Donnell (second half)

Meeting called to order 7:20 PM

- Baseball update
  - Mound and home plate covers have been ordered. Cost ran over previously approved amount of \$650.
    - Board unanimously approved amended amount of \$725 to pay for the covers.
  - CVLL has requested use of the baseball and softball fields an opening day event for majors and minors on May 5 and a jamboree event for farm and t-ball on May 12. Use of fields on both dates by CVLL approved.
  - Preliminary registration numbers and rosters will be available after the CVLL meeting on March 19.
  - Paul has had a contractor look at the damaged batting cage. He indicated that the poles can be straightened. Entire project quoted at \$1,200. Phillip, Mike and Paul will take measurements and do more research to determine if there are better, more cost-effective options including using wood framing instead of re-straightened poles.
  - Discussion about bleachers. As old, rotting wooden bleachers were removed in the fall new ones need to be considered for upcoming baseball and soccer seasons. Bob did a lot of research on this a few months ago and board decided on 3 tiers, 15-foot-long aluminum bleachers as the best option.
    - Board unanimously approved up to \$3,500 for Bob to purchase four (4) sets of bleachers.
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- Minutes from February 12 meeting approved.
- Financial overview
  - Currently have a little over \$11,000 in cash.
  - Overall about a \$1,500 loss between last year and this year.
    - Attributed to several necessary purchases – baseball field improvements, soccer and basketball uniforms, basketballs and basketball cage, etc.
  - Reimbursement payments to board members will go out soon.
- Easter Egg Hunt
  - Location where Easter eggs were previously stuffed is no longer available. Parent of EMES kindergarten student has agree to host this. Jan and Cristin will work to organize volunteer parents/community members to help with this. This will happen on March 22 or 23.
  - Eggs have been ordered and will arrive the week of March 20.

- Jan will be purchasing the rest of the candy within the week.
- Egg hunt is on Saturday, March 24
- Boy Scouts have agreed to help run the Easter Egg hunt this year.
  
- Basketball update
  - Issues with some of the new uniforms with numbers or letters peeling. Have all been taken back to Beavins to be fixed.
  
- Update on Selectboard Meeting
  - Phillip, Paul and Jack attended meeting on March 5.
  - Selectboard requested that athletic manual or athletic policies document be drafted/completed and section 7 of the programming directives be moved there and replaced by a reference to that document.
  - Board will work on edits to athletic policies piece and send both documents to the Selectboard for approved as quickly as possible.
  
- Discussion regarding EMRB separation from the town
  - Board discussion (minus Paul) reached a consensus that there is no strong interest at this time in trying to change anything. Most agree that the process is running smoothly and our major areas of focus – soccer, basketball and baseball programs – are operating very well.
    - Board unanimously approved motion to have a discussion during the first quarter of each calendar year to re-evaluate our status as a town entity vs. a non-profit.
  
- Other
  - Becky Brown has requested use of EMES gym on Friday nights for an open gym for 3-5 grade girls for basketball. This would need to go through Rec Board.
    - Board unanimously approved motion to allow Becky Brown to run a basketball program on Friday nights at EMES if she uses all needed documents and meets board requirements
      - Must be two adults present who have both passed Rec Board background check.
      - Defined start and end date.
      - Students must fill out a sign-up form that will include parental permission and a medical waiver, like the registration forms used for basketball.
      - Must be open and available to all students 3th-5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 PM

Next meeting to be held on April 9 at 7:15 PM, East Montpelier Elementary School.