

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-5th grade.

Meeting adjourned 8:36 PM

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