

APPROVED

East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2018

Members in attendance –Janice Aldrich, Bob Fitch, Jack Zeilenga, Alex Rob, Jason DeForge, Paul Winters, Kate Bean (second half)

Meeting called to order 7:17 PM

- Minutes from November meeting approved
- Financial overview
 - Bob recently gave Don the money from baseball concessions and basketball registration fees.
 - \$1,300 spent recently on lacrosse uniforms.
 - Letter requesting slight increase to yearly town funding delivered to town office.
 - Currently have around \$11,000 in cash.
- School board question
 - One school board member wondered why some schools in the district are using an AD and we aren't.
 - Jack attended the board meeting to details how the EM Rec program works overall, including a dedicated coordinator for each sport and why it provides better opportunities for EM kids. Alicia Lyford also spoke to the board about the solid working process between the school and Rec Board and how she would not want to take on all of it at the school level. After a quick discuss the board was content and said "if it's not broken, don't fix it."
- Roadside project update – reported out by Paul.
 - The early snow in November has put the project on hold until the spring. There is a small amount of tree removal to be completed on the roadside area by the batting cage. Landscaping, ditching, additional fill to raise the road, tree planting, moving the historic granite posts to flank the entrance and exit, and potentially the addition of a new shed will all occur when weather permits in the spring.
- Basketball update
 - Jack reported that the basketball season is off and running. There has been two-plus weeks of practice and by week's end all teams will have played at least one game.
 - K-2 basketball sign up forms went out on Friday. Travis Paquette will be coaching both the K-1 and 2nd grade groups on Saturday mornings this winter.

- Lacrosse update
 - Not a lot to report at this time, beyond the uniform order, but Bob reported that the intention is for teams to play games as well as practice.
- Website update
 - Brief discussion about the website and how it could be improved.
 - Current EM Rec site is continually being tweaked some to improve functionality.
 - Alex is going to do some research on platforms that would allow for online sign up and schedule management and bring information and pricing to the January meeting for discussion.
 - The Tandem program used by U-32 for scheduling is one option for serious consideration.
- Jan reported that background checks on all coaches and the three board members who serve as sport coordinators (Phillip, Jack, Paul) have all come back clean.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 PM

Next meeting to be held on January 14, 2019 at 7:15 PM, East Montpelier Elementary School.