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### East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2019

Members in attendance - Janice Aldrich, Bob Fitch, Jack Zeilenga (second half), Paul Winters, Kate Bean, Michael Blanchard, Jason DeForge

Meeting called to order 7:19 PM

- 1) Motion to approve recreation board meeting minutes for January 21, 2019 by Bob Fitch, seconded by Paul Winters, approved unanimously.
- 2) No public in attendance, no public statements made
- 3) **Financial update:** \$9,200 currently in cash, a few small reimbursements to be made for programmatic purchases but nothing significant has changed. Bob collected and deposited with Don Welch the remaining K-2 basketball receipts.
- 4) Basketball discussion tabled to Jack's arrival later in meeting
- 5) Baseball discussion tabled to Jack's arrival later in meeting
- 6) **Shed update:** Paul updated the board that the shed costs may be able to be covered by the Town as part of the roadside upgrade project, as so far the roadside project has come in under budget thanks to the Town performing a majority of the work themselves. The shed will be on hold until the roadside project completes in the spring and we will have a better understanding of costs then.
- 7) **Lacrosse update:** Program is officially open for registration, have received some interest so far. Only remaining equipment left to purchase is a case of balls and mouthguards. Bob may hold clinic or discussion with elementary schools during PE classes about lacrosse later this spring in order to garner interest.
- 8) **Social Media discussion:** Bob informed the board that currently, the Town does not have a policy regarding social media but Bruce Johnson, Town Administrator, would be bringing it up at the next selectboard meeting. Bruce advised the board to not open any social media accounts on their own and to designate a member of the board as the social media manager that would approve all postings and monitor activity. The board discussed the positives and negatives of potential social media, and generally agreed that it could be a useful communication tool if the flow of information was one-way in order to reduce the number of potential conflicts. No action taken.
- 9) **Spring field usage discussion:** The board discussed the field usage timing and locations for baseball and lacrosse. It was determined that the board will complete a field usage form from the school in order to use the upper school field as well as the lower school field for lacrosse practices.
- 10) **Basketball update:** Jack gave a brief update of the season so far; only two weeks are remaining in the season. Jack brought up that there was a request for open gyms again this year, to be run the same as

years past. Motion by Paul to allow open gym usage to be run as last year; seconded by Kate, unanimously approved.

- 11) **Baseball update:** Paul gave an update on signups for the 2019 season, and noted that he will be attending the Central VT Little League board meeting next Monday. Discussion ensued regarding the potential structuring of rosters. No action taken.
- 12) **Other:** Scoreboard discussion - Michael commented that the scoreboard controller appears to be getting worse. The board discussed options for repair or replacement. Jack will look up the existing company to see if it can be replaced at a reasonable cost. No action taken.
- 13) Motion by Paul to adjourn the meeting; Michael seconded, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting to be held on March 11, 2109 at 7:15 PM, East Montpelier Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fitch  
Treasurer