

East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting Agenda
June 12, 2023 @ 7:15 PM
East Montpelier Recreation Field

1. Call meeting to order at 7:16 pm

2. Attendance

Larry Gilbert, Nick VDB, Jack Z, Karin Cioffi, Anne Lamere, Kate, Ashley Demers

3. Public Statements – none

4. Approve Minutes

Anne moved to approve, Kate seconded to approve minutes from the 5/24/23 meeting. All EMRB members voted affirmative.

5. Financials

\$4,000 for the annual appropriation was transferred to our account.

Need to develop cash handling policy

Still seeking a meeting with Town Treasurer to further the discussion about using Square or similar service to accept payments

6. Lacrosse Update

All programs are over now, and equipment in the shed will be organized and cleaned up in the next week. I will be sending out an end-of-season satisfaction survey. I still need to get a receipt from the league for our dues to be reimbursed for that.

7. Baseball Update

8. Softball:

- We will be painting the rear field dugouts in the next week or two.
- Softball has been super successful, with 3-4 of our Majors players making all-stars and 1 Minors player (depending on LL Waivers for town mergers).
- Jason and Darcy have been talking about the field, we could use one more load of dirt to get it where we would like it.
 - NVDB moved to approve up to \$500 for additional dirt for softball field, seconded by Kate. All EMRB present voted affirmative.
- Field Drag Purchase - for continued maintenance of the field. To be discussed at future meeting.

9. Strong Girls Update

- Shirts ordered (hopefully received and distributed by time of meeting)
- Money Collection hasn't been fun this year. Still have 5 outstanding as of the sending of this email. Has there been any movement on paying at registration time?

10. Sponsorship Review

1 Gold 2 silver 2 bronze sponsors last year. 2022 Soccer was the first season with the new tiered sponsor system. Sponsor 'year' runs September to September. Consider putting up banners in basketball, lawn signs could be used for BB too. Include sponsors in 'welcome' emails for each program (BBall, lacrosse, strong girls, etc. etc.) NVDB will coordinate sponsorship program, with help from Karin, Anne, Kate and others for soliciting sponsors.

11. Mascot and Merchandise

Discussed using a single vendor for all apparel purchases (Custom Ink, Kevin Smith, Cardinal, Bevins, etc.) and perhaps setting up a 'store' that is available for people to order from. Tri-blend, performance fabric, other options. Variety of 'gear' available, sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc.

Could use standard template for participation certificates, could customize with a sticker for whatever program (soccer, basketball, etc.)

Basketball scoreboard needs to be fixed. (Need to discuss with school)

Mats for stage for basketball; need to be fixed or replaced. (Need to discuss with school)

12. Bench Update

Bench was discussed, completion date, location to be discussed at next meeting.

13. County Road Event

Discussion of responsibilities for the event between Carl Etnier, EMRB, and Larry Gilbert. 'County Road Open Streets' is the name of the 'organization' responsible for the event, EMRB will be supporting party in partnership with 'CROS'. Inquiries will be directed to Larry G./Jack Z. EMRB FB page will be used to promote the event.

First event planned for July 9, 2023, Selectboard will approve/deny future events based on outcome of the first.

14. Other Board Items

Bags for EMES grads have arrived, Jack will provide them at the ceremony.

Need to get new key for access to EMES, locks were changed.

Line paint received from Thygesons, payment pending.

New Athletic Director for the district, Kate meeting this person 6/20/23 to review rulebook.

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm