

East Montpelier Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2024 @ 7:15 PM
EMES

1. Call meeting to order (7:19)
2. Attendance (Anne, Jack, Ashley, Darci, Bob, Karin, Kate, Nick)
3. Public Statements (Subcommittee of Berlin Rec Therese Farrell, Sharone Bailey in attendance to observe EM Rec Meeting. Berlin Rec committee approval and Berlin principal buy in. Seeking to model the EM program. Like the website and schedule, would like to develop similar for Berlin. Learn about logistics, etc.)
4. Approve Minutes from February Meeting (**Kate, Darci**)
5. Financial Update – Review of Transaction Detail (Bob) (**Darci, Anne**)

This Transaction Detail will be presented by the Recreation Board Treasurer to the Recreation Board and reviewed and approved by the board at each monthly Recreation Board meeting and will be submitted to the Town Treasurer along with the Recreation Board monthly meeting minutes.

\$11,620 in cash account

Anne and Ashley still in need of reimbursements (basketball, popcorn machine)

(will need to issue some refunds for 5/6 lacrosse, insufficient numbers)

6. Basketball Update (Anne)
 - a. Propose new champions for the basketball program?
 - b. End of season survey? This was issued on 3/11/24.
 - c. Registration begins October, scheduling early November.
 - i. Do more Saturday games, that is preference among district.
 - ii. May be missing key for hoop raise/lower control.
 - iii. Scoreboard control, instructions are in bag.
 - iv. Anne will move jerseys, pinneys, medkits, etc. into shed this weekend
 - v. Ref clinic taught by patched ref for ~1 hour was well received for youth refs and coaches, get updates on rule changes, etc. Could be paid.
 - vi. Should Coaches and volunteers get firstaid/cpr/concussion training, annually or so? Maybe EMFD or Berlin FD could put on this training? And/or do online course that issues a certificate, CDC or other provider.

Paid patched refs are \$35~\$50 per game. Finding them is a struggle. Highschool/college age refs were tough to find too (\$15 per game)

7. Baseball/Softball update
 - a. Jason sent extensive notes via email on 3/11/24
 - b. Andy Morse is new contact. But also Ashley is part of little league board. Darci will help with softball as well.
8. Lacrosse update
 - a. 3-4 program is happening, 1-2 also. 5-6 program not happening, sending to Barre.
 - b. Practice starts April 1 in the gym.
 - c. Bob and Mark are coaching
 - d. Games Saturdays and Sundays in May, ends second week of June
9. Strong Girls update
 - a. Help needed
 - b. Monday/Thursday. Darci will reach out to Jill to confirm the status. 3-6 graders. Essentially cross-fit for kids.
 - c. Highschool helpers utilized in past
 - d. ~31 signed up in 2023
 - e. End of year event at GMCF
 - f. Registration would typically open now.
10. Facilities
 - a. Shelter update (Nick)
 - i. BGS grants - recreation, facility, equipment
 - b. Little League outfield fence request
 - i. Updates? - None
11. Other Board Items
 - a. Board Membership
 - i. Nick will send 2024 appointees to Town Manager on 3/12/24
 - ii. Anne and Jason are out.
 - iii. Bob's future is tied to his role as Treasurer. Nick is willing to take over as Treasurer.
 - iv. Jack will continue until board is in a better position for him to leave, but not likely the full remaining year
 - v. Best to have new members on board by April meeting. Will vote then on officer positions.
 - vi. Nick will send excerpt from EM Rec policy about joining board, and also a template letter of interest

- vii. Program coordinators are typically a member of the board, but this doesn't appear to be a requirement of policy
- b. Easter Egg hunt
 - i. Date: Saturday 3/23/24 10 am
 - ii. Egg stuffing party is 3/15/24
 - iii. **Funding approval, amount (Jack motions up to \$600, Darci seconds)**
- c. Bags for 6th graders?
 - i. Find out how many graduating from Alicia
 - ii. Need to vote to approve NLT April meeting

12. Adjourn (8:47)