



Recreation Council Monthly Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2023

In attendance: Jarod Picone, Keith Martin, Max Moog, Brian Caldwell, Jamie Bakert, Katie Reinke, Thomas Spray-Fry, Nick Stathopoulos, Kevyn Allgeier, Dana Gayleard, Kelly Beninghove, Scott Jenkins, Joe Travaglione, Travis Ligon, Eleanor Huber, Linda Frederick, Healthier Hourihan, Nate Horst

Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Martin seconded Mr. Moog's motion to approve the October 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Dana Gayleard:

Mrs. Gayleard presented the October TR to the council. She noted that all payroll to date had cleared.

Mr. Travaglione noted an influx of basketball funds were coming in / would be coming in as middle school age groups are filled up in mid-November.

Mr. Caldwell seconded a motion by Ms. Reinke to accept the October TR as presented.

President's Report

1. Participant Registration / Background Checks

Mr. Picone reminded programs that all participants need to be registered and that all volunteers must complete a background check via Baltimore County.

Mr. Allgeier reminded the council how to check on the county's website for those who have passed the background check. He noted that the county *only* lists those who passed and *does not* note if a person has submitted to a background check and failed. Mr. Allgeier also advised program directors to check the expiration dates on background checks.

2. CMRC Code of Conduct

Mr. Picone noted that the CMRC Code of Conduct is now included as part of registration via Stone Alley. Registrants must note that they've read the code before registering for programs.

3. CMRC Bylaws

Mr. Picone noted that once the CMRC bylaws, standard operating procedure, and financial operations manual documents were voted and approved by the council, they would be posted to the CMRC website for public view.

4. Program Updates

Youth Basketball: Mr. Travaglione said registration was going well for the program and would see an uptick in older age groups following middle school tryouts. He did note the program was struggling with certain age groups, including among girls, and requested an email blast via Stone Alley.

Dance: Ms. Hourihan said things were going smoothly and a recital space was secured.

Field Hockey: Mr. Jenkins noted that it would be good to talk to the county proactively next year regarding timing on aerating fields to avoid fields being covered with dirt pellets.

Turf Field: Mr. Jenkins reported that he and Mr. Picone attended an October 19 county planning board meeting to continue making the case for a turf field at Sweet Air Park. An October Stone Alley email blast to support the project went well and next steps are to continue follow-up through the winter and spring as bond bills are considered by state legislators.

Ski Club: Mr. Stathopoulos presented an update on the CMRC Family Ski & Snow Club. Last year, there were 20 participants (5 families) and they are hoping for more this year. With member affiliation with the Blue Ridge Ski Council and the National Ski Council Federation, they are able to get discounts to area facilities.

Mr. Picone inquired why the club hadn't submitted a budget in May. Mr. Stathopoulos noted that at that time, the club had no commitments from ski areas and discounts were not in place, so those details hindered the budget process. Mr. Stathopoulos will present a budget at the Dec. 14 CMRC meeting for consideration by the council.

Council Report

Kevyn Allgeier:

1. Hydes Field Parking Lot

Mr. Allgeier noted the need for lines to be repainted at the Hydes Park facility.

2. Veterans Day

Mr. Allgeier noted that county offices would be closed Nov. 10 in observance of Veterans Day; he will be on vacation the following week.

Old Business:

1. Board Bylaws

Mr. Picone introduced the revised CMRC bylaws, standard operating procedures, and financial operating manual sent previously to the council for feedback.

Mr. Bakert requested that language be added regarding background checks via Baltimore County for all volunteers as well as language in the financial operating manual (Section 4) noting that electronic fund transfers (EFTs) are acceptable as corporate matches. The council agreed to amendments to Section 4 to distinguish that EFTs are acceptable payments to programs, but not individuals.

Mr. Spray-Fry inquired about the dates for in-season programs, notably lacrosse. Mr. Picone replied that the dates were there to indicate when permanent goals would be removed, but that programs

can still utilize fields, just with temporary equipment to save wear-and-tear on goals and fields, per Article II, Section 4 in the standard operating procedures document.

Mr. Spray-Fry also inquired about the \$5,000 account balance for programs to carry. Mr. Picone noted that programs could carry more, but they would have to earmark it for specific use with CMRC. After further discussion, Mr. Caldwell proposed amending the \$5,000 amount to "\$20,000 or 100% of the program's annual operating budget, whichever is higher." Mr. Stathopoulos seconded the motion.

Ms. Hourihan asked about the designation of "in-season" programs. Mr. Picone noted that this is tied to field use for CMRC programs and that programs should be using Stone Alley registration for any out-of-season programs utilizing the CMRC name.

Ms. Hourihan also inquired about the definition of a "sanctioned" program in the financial operating manual (Article IV, Section 1). The board decided to strike the word "sanctioned" as programs are already defined in the bylaws.

Mr. Picone announced that the amendments / edits discussed at the meeting would be distributed to CMRC program chairs prior to the next meeting (Dec. 14) with a goal of voting on them in December to then submit to the county for review.

NEW Business:

1. July 4 Fireworks

Mr. Martin noted that CMRC will be partnering with The Greater Jacksonville Optimists Club to organize and carry out fireworks at Jacksonville Elementary School on June 29, 2024. Mr. Allgeier is working on a certificate of insurance to send to the Optimists for the event to cover our participation. An email will go out to the council and then the community seeking volunteers for a steering committee for the event.

2. Open Discussion

Mr. Ligon (men's lacrosse) inquire about a budget presentation. Mr. Picone noted that it was not needed at this time since they now have a separate line item outside of the youth lacrosse program.

Adjournment:

Mr. Moog seconded Mr. Caldwell's motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Picone adjourned the meeting at 9:53 PM.

The next meeting will be held on December 14 2023, at 8:15 PM at Sweet Air Park.