



Recreation Council Monthly Meeting Minutes: October 12, 2023

In attendance: Jarod Picone, Doug Menapace, Keith Martin, Brian Caldwell, Jamie Bakert, Kevyn Allgeier, Dana Gayleard, JoAnn Talbot, Stephanie Wilson, Kelly Beninghove, Jeff Beninghove, Scott Jenkins, Joe Travaglione, Karla Lee, Thomas Spray-Fry

Call to Order

President called the meeting to order at 8:19 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bakert seconded Mr. Menapace's motion to approve the September 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Dana Gayleard:

Mrs. Gayleard presented the September TR to the council. She noted outstanding payroll and that funds had been transferred into a men's lacrosse account.

Mr. Picone noted that the CMRC deficit was down ~\$22,000 from last month due in part to rolling fee collection via Stone Alley and other cost-cutting measures.

Mr. Caldwell seconded a motion by Mr. Menapace to accept the September TR as presented.

President's Report

1. Corporate Gifts / Matching Funds to CMRC

Mr. Picone noted that CMRC is piloting a program with the help of Mr. Bakert regarding matching funds and reimbursement for volunteer hours from employers of community members. The program is starting with around 80 members of the soccer program.

2. Fundraisers

Mr. Picone reminded program chairs that the council needs awareness of any planned program fundraisers before they happen, in part so we don't duplicate solicitations from area vendors as well as for tax issues. More guidelines for fundraisers are planned for the new CMRC bylaws, standard operating procedures, and financial operations manual.

3. 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.

Council Report

Kevyn Allgeier:

1. Jacksonville Elementary School Courts

Mr. Allgeier noted that the basketball and tennis court work at JES are now done and that the county did add pickleball lines to create six courts. There remains a concern on parking for the area, but that would be an issue that Baltimore County Public Schools would need to address.

2. School-based Event Space

Mr. Allgeier noted that there is still a lag in communications between the schools and the county in terms of utilizing school space, with information coming in slowly. His office is working with JES and Carroll Manor Elementary School PTAs regarding space conflicts, but Mr. Allgeier encouraged council members to send him notice of events when they see it.

Mr. Allgier also encouraged all programs looking to utilize school-based gyms and other space to give his office a minimum of 45 days' notice. There has been an issue with the computer program where requests were sitting in a queue and BCPS is aware of the issue. Essentially: The more advance notice, the better.

3. AED Units

Mr. Allgeier noted that beeping has been reported from some units in the area and that new batteries have been ordered. Mrs. Gayleard and Mr. Caldwell said they would look at the original contracts for the units regarding battery replacements as it may be covered.

Old Business:

1. Board Bylaws

Mr. Picone and the executive board have reviewed the current CMRC bylaws and will have a new set of bylaws, a standard operating procedures document, and financial operating manual for review to the council prior to the next meeting (Nov. 9).

NEW Business:

1. CMRC Basketball

Mr. Travaglione announced that he is leaving as commissioner of the program, but training a new group of volunteers lead by Kelly and Jeff Beninghove. There is an issue with travel basketball as there is a lack of indoor space, but the group is looking at options.

Registration for the in-house program is set to close on November 1. Travel tryouts will roll out soon and those participants are also expected to play in-house.

2. Stone Alley Presentation

Todd Nevin of Stone Alley thanked CMRC for its continued partnership with the registration platform and gave updates on the business. He advised participants to continue emailing him with requests and questions, but also Lisa Dubniczki (ldubniczki@stonealley.com) who can triage issues with the system.

Mr. Nevin answered questions on wait list registration and other participant inquiries. (Mr. Nevin also stayed after adjournment of the meeting to answer questions.)

3. Turf Field Update

Mr. Jenkins noted that the county planning board held a meeting on October 19 where the group spoke for the need for a turf field in the community. Planning Board members now need to hear from the public for support. Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Picone said CMRC will send out a sample email via Stone Alley to help get further support for the field.

4. CMRC Lacrosse Fundraiser

Mr. Spray-Fry reminded the council that CMRC Lacrosse Fall Fest fundraiser will be held on October 21, from 5-9 p.m. at Prigel Creamery.

Adjournment:

Mr. Menapace seconded Mr. Caldwell's motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Picone adjourned the meeting at 9:41 PM.

The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2023, at 8:15 PM at Sweet Air Park.