



Recreation Council Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2024

In attendance:

Jarod Picone, Doug Menapace, Keith Martin, Max Moog, Dana Gayleard, Brian Caldwell, Tom Spray-Fry, Kelly Benninghove, Kevin Parry, Stephanie Wilson, Elanor Huber, Ann Marsh, David Mullaly, Maria Hamilton, JoAnn Talbot, Nathan Horst, Christine Carey, Steve Summers, Tim Poff, Bill Sadara, Heather Hourihan, Brad Ferriell

Call to Order

Mr. Picone called the meeting to order at 8:18 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Menapace seconded Mrs. Benninghove's motion to approve the September 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report - Dana Gayleard

Mrs. Gayleard presented the September Treasurer's Report (TR). She noted several uncleared checks and a series of transfers at the bottom of the report.

She noted a transfer of \$11,861.30 from the in-house baseball program to travel baseball to settle those accounts from the spring / now that they are separate accounts; this results in a negative \$9,132 balance for the in-house program. Mr. Menapace noted that the loss of the fall clinic hurt in terms of revenue to offset that and that uniforms that were already ordered had to be paid for.

Mrs. Gayleard noted that she will work on pulling fireworks donations into a single location from the various programs; more on that in October. Mr. Picone noted that as of September 4, the amount from all programs should be ~\$6,430.

Mr. Menapace seconded a motion from Mr. Caldwell to approve the September TR as presented.

[Reminder to use email address: accounting@carrollmanor.org]

Council Report – Kevin Parry

1. **Introduction** - Mr. Parry introduced himself as the new community supervisor II for the Hereford Zone and CMRC
2. **AEDs** – Mr. Parry said the county is purchasing AED units for Carroll Manor Elementary School, Jacksonville Elementary School, St. John's Lutheran, and Long Green Baptist.
3. **Facility Blackout Dates** – Mr. Parry is following up with Kevyn Allgeier on a list of blackout dates for programs utilizing school locations. It will be distributed as soon as it is finalized.

(NOTE: This was shared with program directors via email on October 18.)

4. **Early Voting / Election Day** – A reminder that early voting at Sweet Air Park will be October 23 - 31; so no activities will be held in the gym, but outdoor activities are allowed. For Election Day setup on November 4, there will be no use of indoor or outdoor facilities that evening as well as on Election Day, November 5. Please plan accordingly.

President's Report - Jarod Picone

1. **Reminders to all Programs** - All participants must register in programs or CMRC will lose certification. All volunteers need background checks to be protected under county insurance.
2. **Senior Center Use of SAP Gym** – Mr. Picone noted that he reached out to Bob Smith regarding the Senior Center's use of the SAP gym for their activity without paying fees. Per the Baltimore County Rec and Parks (BCR&P) Reimagining Recreation initiative, they should be subject to the \$25 fee. Mr. Smith has an upcoming meeting on a related matter, so more to come on this.
3. **Stone Alley** – If you need to reach out to Stone Alley regarding registration / program information, please email support@stonealley.com, the main email that multiple people check and can route your request properly.
4. **Northeast Regional Recreation Center (NERRC)** – Mr. Picone is still awaiting clarity / information on hours used by CMRC programs for billing purposes / reserving for permits. More to come.
5. **Mondays at SAP** – With youth basketball starting soon, that program would get priority to use the gym at SAP as it has more participants than martial arts, which can use the multipurpose room.
6. **CMRC Fitness** – The CMRC Fitness program has sent a letter to the county / Mr. Smith requesting reconsideration of the \$25 fee for adult programs with plans to attend a future listening session on the Reimagining Recreation initiative. Mr. Picone noted that at the November CMRC meeting, we will be discussing options to reduce the current CMRC fee of \$25 per participant which may help. He also encouraged the program to meet with Mrs. Gayleard to gauge what surplus they currently have to help offset costs / reduce registration fees.
7. **BCR&P Investigation** - Mr. Picone noted that the BCR&P Board is investigating financial issues with the Hereford Recreation Council over financial issues they could not produce following a citizen complaint about paying into a pool run by one of the programs. Mr. Picone reinforced the CMRC policy that no program director nor coach / individual collect money from participants.

Budget Presentations

1. In-House / Rec Baseball

Mr. Menapace presented the budget for the program's chairman, Bill Keiber, who was unable to attend. He highlighted equipment needs for the program (bases) and that the program will see some savings due to a new uniform provider starting in the spring. The program anticipates a \$4625 positive operating result, which will help offset its deficit.

Mr. Spray-Fry inquired about the \$7701 in discounts awarded by the program. Mr. Menapace said that is a combination of "early bird" registrations as a lower price point as well as to those who volunteer as commissioners and coaches in the program.

Mrs. Beninghove seconded a motion by Mr. Caldwell to approve the budget as presented.

2. Lacrosse (boys in-house / boys travel / girls in-house / girls travel)

Mr. Ferriell presented on behalf of all four programs operating for the first time as four separate entities (travel vs. in-house). He mentioned the programs are using their surplus for free clinic programs this winter. Mr. Spray-Fry suggested not bringing the surplus down to \$0 as there will be expenses for the program and having cash on hand is a benefit. The council debated how much is an appropriate amount, citing the CMRC bylaws, etc.

Mr. Spray-Fry seconded a motion by Mr. Menapace to approve the girls in-house lacrosse budget as presented.

Mrs. Hourihan seconded a motion by Mrs. Gayleard to approve the boys in-house lacrosse budget as presented.

Mrs. Beninghove seconded a motion by Mr. Spray-Fry to approve the girls travel (grad year) lacrosse budget as presented.

Mrs. Beninghove seconded a motion by Mr. Picone to approve the boys travel (grad year) lacrosse program as presented.

New Business

1. **Mountain Bike Club** – Mr. Sadera made a presentation regarding the North Baltimore County Copperheads, a youth mountain biking team created in 2019. They are members of the Maryland and National Interscholastic Cycling Leagues.

Mr. Sadera noted that this could be a benefit for CMRC as it could interest kids not brought in by other programs and would be the only recreation council with such a program. Currently, they have trail practice at Loch Raven Reservoir and the Little Gunpowder area; field practice is at Oregon Ridge Park, which can be difficult to book. They would be seeking a place to conduct field practices in the CMRC area. Mr. Picone noted that Cloverfield Park has an entire lower area ideal for them to practice that would not interfere with the CMRC cricket program.

Mr. Caldwell inquired about insurance issues for the sport. Mr. Sadera noted the team is insured via the national and state leagues. If they competed outside of the league season, they would need additional insurance. They currently require waivers for non-registrants of the program and provide injury reports to both leagues should something occur. Mr. Caldwell recommended an insurance and legal review of the program if they are approved by CMRC.

Mr. Sadera said he would prepare a budget for a future CMRC meeting to accompany a vote to incorporate the club into CMRC.

2. **Reconsideration of \$25 CMRC Participant Fee** – Mr. Picone said at the November 14 meeting, the council would discuss the possibility of lowering the CMRC participant fee from \$25 to a lesser amount. He noted that the CMRC General Fund is in much better shape than it was one year ago and that the goal was to get to a level of comfort in order to reduce the participant fee.
3. **Max Hourly Rate for 1099 Instructors** – Mr. Picone recommended that the council review its programs and discuss an appropriate pay scale for what 1099 instructors are providing. He said CMRC could look at other programs' pay scales as a benchmark but there is currently a wide variation among CMRC programs.

4. **Fundraising Request: Boys Travel (Grad Year) Lacrosse** – Mr. Ferriell said the 2033 travel team is requesting permission to raise \$4625 for new helmets. Mr. Spray-Fry seconded a motion by Mr. Caldwell to approve the fundraising request.
5. **Fundraising Request: 12U Travel Baseball** – The 12U CMRC travel baseball team is seeking to create a fundraiser to send participants to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, for a baseball tournament. The program is seeking permission for a GoFundMe page to reach beyond parents. Mr. Summers said the goal is not to solicit businesses in the area, but rather reach family members who don't live in the area to help support the effort. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the fundraiser as long as it did not solicit businesses within a one-mile radius and it would report back to CMRC on its progress with GoFundMe. Mr. Spray-Fry seconded the motion.

Adjournment:

Mr. Picone adjourned the meeting at 10:17 PM.

***The next meeting will be held on November 14 at 8:15 PM at Sweet Air Park.**