



Recreation Council Monthly Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2024

In attendance:

Jarod Picone, Doug Menapace, Max Moog, Keith Martin, Dana Gayleard, Brian Caldwell, Tom Spray-Fry, Jamie Bakert, Kelly Beninghove, Kevin Parry, Sara Bakert, Maria Hamilton, JoAnn Talbot, Amanda Moatz, Christine Carey, Bill Sadera, Michael Anthony, Heather Hourihan, Brad Ferriell

Call to Order

Mr. Picone called the meeting to order at 8:19 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Menapace seconded Mr. Spray-Fry's motion to approve the November 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Dana Gayleard

Mrs. Gayleard presented the November 2024 Treasurer's Report (TR). She noted youth basketball had fees returned to the program from summer basketball and other transfers noted at the bottom of the report.

She also noted a number of uncleared checks and urged programs to review the list to see if your program has an outstanding check to address. Mrs. Gayleard also said that a fireworks donations line item would be included in the next TR report presented in January 2025.

Mr. Picone noted the General Fund balance of -\$12,000 and the progress in moving toward a positive balance.

REMINDER from Mr. Picone – please email GRB&A with Mrs. Gayleard's updated email address: accounting@carrollmanor.org.

Mr. Bakert seconded Mr. Menapace's motion to approve the November TR as presented.

Council Report – Kevin Parry

6. Spring In-House Program Permits

Mr. Parry reminded programs that permits for spring in-house programs will be entered from December 1 through December 15 and that most programs have submitted their information. Spring travel permits can be submitted from December 26 through January 6, 2025. He will be inputting CMRC permits with the help of the registrar. Moving forward, these permits should come from the programs to the permitting team directly (bcrpregistrar@baltimorecountymd.gov) as well as copying him and Donna King (daking@baltimorecountymd.gov) also.

He also noted communication from Baltimore County Recreation and Parks (BCR&P) regarding rosters for travel / club and adult program participants. These need to be submitted to the county with more information being distributed to programs with directions and timelines. [NOTE: This was sent to programs via email by the secretary on 12/26/24]

President's Report – Jarod Picone

1. Volunteers and Program Registrants

Mr. Picone reminded the council and attendees of compliance statement and that ALL volunteers are to complete a free background check for liability purposes.

2. BCR&P Reimagine Recreation Update

Mr. Picone shared the latest communication from the county, including the new fee structure for travel / club and adult programs: \$10 per participant for travel / club; \$25 per participant for adult programs.

The county also wants signed memorandums of understanding from each rec council by 12/31/24. Councils without an executed MOU will risk losing priority access for programs and other benefits associated with being a recognized council by Baltimore County.

3. Vice President Vacancy

Mr. Picone announced that Mr. Menapace has volunteered to serve as the Independence Day Celebration Chairman for CMRC and will be resuming the chair position for in-house baseball. As such, he has resigned from his role as CMRC vice president.

4. Independence Day Fireworks Celebration

Mr. Menapace noted that fireworks preparations are underway with the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club for June 28, 2025. He added that with the event getting its own line item in the CMRC budget, he will prepare a budget presentation for January or February 2025 to present to the council. Moving forward, the goal will be to present to the council in November of each year.

Mr. Bakert and Mr. Caldwell volunteered to organize and run the Sweet Air Park parking fundraiser again for CMRC.

5. Repairs to Shed at Carroll Manor Elementary School (CMES)

Mr. Picone read a statement to the council:

“Kevin and I are aware that the Baseball Shed at CMES was refurbished this past weekend and we have heard from Mrs. McNelly the CMES principal and her staff. I was asked to reiterate that performing maintenance or any other projects on BCRP or BCPS property is forbidden without written approval. In the future, individuals will be held accountable and could be charged with trespassing, vandalism, etc. The council will not be held responsible. Mrs. McNelly was made aware that the council had no knowledge the work was being done and did not give anyone approval to do so.

Mrs. McNelly is aware of the request to refurbish and update the batting cages and that project is working itself through the appropriate approval process via BCPS.

Dance Program was shuttered for 2+ weeks and banned from JES when Melissa allowed her husband to attempt to make unapproved upgrades to the dance studio which caused significant property damage that BCPS had to repair and pay for.”

Mr. Parry reiterated that anything regarding BCPS property must be discussed and approved by school officials. Otherwise, the program runs the risk of losing permits for those facilities. He asked that all programs be respectful of the partnership in place with our community schools.

6. Update on Sr. Center Pickleball

Mr. Picone announced that BCR&P and the Department of Aging are getting a mutual use agreement for recreation centers. However, since the pickleball program does not fall under the Department of Aging, but is instead an independent group, they will need to pay the \$25 fee for use of the SAP gym.

7. NERRC Update

Mr. Picone noted that work continues with the county to clarify tennis fees incurred via use of the NERRC facility and permit approval via CivicRec. More to come.

Budget Presentations

1. Mountain Biking (Bill Sadera)

Mr. Sadera presented the first budget for the newly approved mountain biking program. The program will have 40 participants with room to grow if adult coaches are also added.

The program anticipates \$4524 in sponsorships (affiliated with the team, Wegman's, etc.) and participants pay \$300 directly to the state mountain biking league to cover insurance and other items. The biggest expense for the program is \$3800 for an e-bike for coaches to utilize.

Mr. Caldwell reminded the program that any CMRC funds used for a team party should not include alcohol; Mr. Sadera agreed.

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

Old Business

1. Reconsideration of \$25 CMRC Fee

Mr. Picone advised waiting for more information on insurance and other items were resolved before presenting options to the council to reduce the current fee of \$25 per participant. Mr. Spray-Fry suggested that while the general fund is making progress

toward a positive amount, it might also help the council to build up a surplus before reducing the fee for issues that may arise. This item will be removed from future agendas until there is more information.

2. Max Hourly Rate for 1099 Instructors

Mr. Picone suggested a committee be created to discuss this matter and report back to the council. Mr. Caldwell and Mrs. Beningrove volunteered as did Mrs. Hourihan. Mr. Picone also noted he would participate. *(Update: Following the meeting, Mrs. Sara Bakert also agreed to serve on the committee.)*

Adjournment:

Mr. Picone adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

****The next meeting will be held January 9, 2025, at 8:15 p.m. at Sweet Air Park.***