



Recreation Council Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2025

In attendance:

Jarod Picone, Keith Martin, Brian Caldwell, Tom Spray-Fry, Kevin Parry, Dana Gayleard, Sandy Reid, Eleanor Huber, Bill Sadera, David Mullaly, Doug Menapace, JoAnn Talbot, Rob Meloni, Amanda Moatz, Sephanie Wilson, Brad Ferriell, Sue Quinn

Call to Order

Mr. Picone called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m. and began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Spray-Fry's seconded Mr. Menapace's motion to approve the January 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Dana Gayleard

Mrs. Gayleard presented the January Treasurer's Report (TR), noting transfers indicated by letters "a" through "c" at the bottom of the document. She also pointed out a new line item for the fireworks program; February funds are not indicated yet. Cricket also is a new line item.

Programs now without checkbooks (at bottom) will be integrated into the list beginning with the February TR. Mrs. Gayleard will also reach out to Stone Alley with a request to separate recreation and travel deposits for soccer, lacrosse, and baseball to make accounting easier / ensure funds go to the right locations.

Mrs. Gayleard also distributed a list of uncleared checks and urged programs to identify their expenses and follow up with vendors ASAP.

Mrs. Quinn seconded Mr. Caldwell's motion to approve the January TR as presented.

Council Report – Kevin Parry - (nothing to report)

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 and as indicated through the MOU with the county.

2. General Liability Insurance

Mr. Picone shared that the council is getting closer to securing its own insurance. CMRC is working with the county to ensure it has the right coverage in place per the MOU. The executive board has a meeting with the insurance broker to review quotes on Feb. 25.

Mrs. Carey inquired how CMRC would be paying for the coverage and if programs requiring additional coverage would contribute to the annual cost. Mr. Picone said there have been discussions of programs utilizing 1099 employees to contribute, but no decisions have been made. Mr. Menapace asked about fireworks coverage; Mr. Picone said at present, that is not included in the policy being quoted.

3. Stone Alley Issues

Mr. Picone noted that if programs are having Stone Alley issues, such as registration / refund matters, please reach out to him first for assistance.

He also noted that he knows some programs are having issues with email bouncebacks or emails from CMRC going into spam / junk folders. A reminder that this is an issue with the email service provider and not Stone Alley. If programs are having issues, please reach out to Mr. Picone to elevate to Stone Alley.

4. Summer Camp Committee

Outreach has been done to summer camp directors, however SEEDS and Art Camp may not operate this summer and no word from Camp Gymtastic yet. Therefore, the group's work is on hold to see if it is needed.

5. Vice President Vacancy

Mr. Picone reiterated that CMRC is still without a vice president. Anyone interested in the position should notify the executive board.

6. Equipment Shed at CMES

Mr. Picone said that CMRC Travel Baseball has received the tax exemption letter it requested for the vendor who donated time and materials. CMRC will assume responsibility for the shed moving forward.

Mr. Menapace said he has put in a request via the treasurer to move funds from rec baseball to CMRC travel baseball for their share of the recent repairs.

7. Fireworks Update

Mr. Picone announced that as of Feb. 7, the fireworks donations totaled \$10,070.

The organizers from CMRC and the Greater Jacksonville Optimist Club recently met to discuss the event. There is a need for more volunteers in the children's area, so please reach out if interested.

New Business

1. Travel Baseball Fundraiser Request

Mrs. Carey said the travel baseball program is seeking permission for three fundraisers:

- Baskets for silent auction at Prigel Creamery Fundraiser Night (May 12)
- Spring clothing / sporting goods drive (paid per pound by FUNDrive)
- Sales of signage for backstops (8 available at \$1000 / banner)

Mr. Caldwell reminded the group of a long-standing courtesy among programs that they do not solicit vendors in a one-mile radius to avoid multiple programs repeatedly requesting from the same businesses. Mrs. Carey inquired about program friends and families with ties to these businesses; indicated no prohibition via bylaws. Mr. Martin suggested that those with ties to these local businesses were fine, but the program should avoid solicitation outside of personal connections to help benefit the council as a whole vs. one program.

2. New Programs

Men's Tennis: Mr. Meloni told the council he would like to dovetail on the existing men's indoor tennis program this fall. Mr. Picone and Mr. Martin said they would connect him and the group's chairman, Ron Matlon, via email to work out logistics / add registrants for the next season.

Adult Volleyball: Mrs. Reid said she would like to start a co-ed, indoor adult volleyball program, Sundays in the Sweet Air Park gymnasium. She currently has 15 interested community members who would join.

Mr. Picone walked her through the process of presenting the idea to the council, nominating a program chair, preparing / presenting a budget for approval, etc. The goal would be to have Mrs. Reid submit a budget request to Mr. Moog for a presentation at the March 13 meeting.

Adjournment:

Mr. Picone adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

****The next meeting will be held March 13, 2025, at 8:15 p.m. at Sweet Air Park.***