



Recreation Council Monthly Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2025

In attendance:

Keith Martin, Max Moog, Brian Caldwell, Thomas Spray-Fry, Maria Hamilton, Elanor Huber, JoAnn Talbot, Marcy Murphy, Christine Carey, Brad Ferriell, Sara Bakert, Ann Marsh, David Mullaly, Doug Menapace, Stephanie Wilson

Call to Order

Mr. Martin (filling in for Jarod Picone) called the meeting to order at 8:19 p.m. and began with introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Menapace seconded Mr. Mullaly's motion to approve the March 2025 meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Dana Gayleard

Mrs. Gayleard was not present for the meeting. The March and April Treasurer's Report will be presented at the May meeting.

Council Report – Kevin Parry

Mr. Parry was not present.

President's Report – Keith Martin (for Jarod Picone)

1. Volunteers and Program Registrants

Mr. Martin reminded the council all program participants must be registered and all volunteers are to complete a free background check for liability purposes and as indicated through the MOU with Baltimore County Rec and Parks (BCR&P).

2. County Policies Posted to Website

Mr. Martin noted that the county's concussion and suspected child abuse policies are now posted to the CMRC website, along with the code of conduct, lightning policy, and information about background checks. This should be shared with all coaches / program volunteers. The link is: <https://www.carrollmanor.org/know-the-policies-rules-and-guidelines/>.

3. **Field Chalk**

Mr. Martin said that the county has delivered field chalk for the spring season.

4. **Hydes Field Concession Stand**

Mr. Martin noted that the concession stand located at Hydes Field will be open beginning this Saturday, April 12.

There were questions about the bathrooms – which should also now be open. For any issues with port-a-johns, if you feel the cleaning schedule is not being followed, please send the location, a photo of the cleaning schedule (located inside), and any photos to Kevin Parry so he can address with the vendor.

Mr. Menapace also noted that there was a flood in the concession stand, so that could hinder this weekend's opening.

5. **2025 Spring Program Schedules**

Mr. Martin reminded program chairs that all spring schedules should be submitted to Mr. Parry ASAP. Please also copy cmrcpresident2019@gmail.com and secretarycmrc@gmail.com so we have them on file as well.

6. **CMRC Elections**

Per CMRC bylaws:

No later than April, the President shall appoint a three-member nominating committee who shall prepare and submit a slate of officers and directors to the general membership at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made at either the April or May meetings. Any person so nominated must be present to accept the nomination or have provided written consent at the time of nomination.

Elections shall be held at the general meeting in June and officers and directors shall take office on July 1.

Mr. Martin announced that he and Mr. Caldwell are heading the committee and seeking a third member. Mr. Menapace volunteered to round out the committee.

No nominations were made from the floor by the council. Should council members want to make a nomination, they should email Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Martin. It was announced that one at-large member, the secretary, and the treasurer would not be running for re-election. Mr. Moog said he would stay on until a replacement is found to serve as treasurer.

Budget Presentations

1. **Men's Lacrosse (Brad Ferriell representing Travis Ligon)**

Mr. Ferriell noted that the program is anticipating 50 registrations for the upcoming session. There are minimal expenses (mostly for lacrosse balls). The program's surplus of \$3654 should cover the anticipated deficit of \$1772 as well as the new adult fee from the county.

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

2. **CMES Sign Language Program (Sara Bakert)**

Mrs. Bakert presented the budget for an 8-week min-session of the program approved at the March 2025 CMRC meeting. The instructor – Jodi Walker – would be paid \$80 / hour for the program, which anticipates 25 registrants @ \$91 each.

Mr. Caldwell inquired what would happen if the program did not get the 25 registrants as it has a thin margin of \$474 in surplus if it meets its goal. Mr. Caldwell made a motion that the program could operate if a minimum of 10 students registered for the program; which would result in deficit the council would cover in order to get the program up and running / exposed to the community. The program should also make this fact clear in its registration via Stone Alley so the parameters of the program happening are clear. Mr. Mullally seconded the motion.

In discussing when the program could begin, Mr. Martin outlined the permitting and Stone Alley process. The program hoped to begin April 28, but that may not be feasible given registration setup, etc. Given this information, Mrs. Bakert said she would talk to Mrs. Walker about next steps. They may opt to not run the mini-session and instead, come back in June to present a program starting in the fall.

3. **CMES Early Bird Gym Program (Sara Bakert)**

Mrs. Bakert presented the budget for the long-running program, which allows families a rolling registration. Mr. Moog noted the increase in pay from \$64 to \$69 /hour for the fall sessions and that the income from this year's program is not complete, given the fluctuation in registration prices through the end of the school year.

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

New Business

1. **New Program Request: Adult Softball**

Mr. Menapace said for the past 4 years, volunteers from the CMRC baseball programs and other community members have played softball on the Jacksonville Elementary School fields once a month or so as an informal gathering. In the past, they have utilized the in-house baseball permits to play, but given new county guidelines wish to formalize the program.

The program would have around 60 registrants / 4 teams that would play each other once a month, maybe more, utilizing the off (night) hours when CMRC baseball and softball are not utilizing the fields.

Mr. Menapace noted that the program would need to charge registrants at least \$57 each to cover fees. He was unsure if that was feasible for a program starting in May and ending in June that only played once or twice. He has inquired about reserving the field as a private citizen and not operating under CMRC.

Mr. Mullaly seconded a motion by Mr. Spray-Fry to approve the program. Mr. Menapace will inform the council if he plans to make a budget presentation in May or if the activity will happen outside of the council, but through proper permitting via BCR&P.

2. Donation Request: Carroll Manor Elementary School Golf Tournament

Mrs. Bakert discussed the upcoming event sponsored by the CMES PTA to raise funds for the school and its students.

The following donations were made by programs:

- 1 Spring 2026 In-House Baseball Registration
- 1 2025 Independence Day Celebration Parking Pass at Sweet Air Park
- 1 In-House Boys Lacrosse Registration
- 1 In-House Girls Lacrosse Registration
- 1 Spring 2026 In-House Softball Registration
- 1 Fall 2025 Fitness Class

(Note: Kelly Beninghove added 1 CMRC In-House Basketball Registration via email following the meeting.)

3. Donation Request: Chestnut Grove Spring Fair

Mr. Martin read a request from the Chestnut Grove Child Development Center for their Spring Fair, scheduled for April 16. They were seeking a donation from CMRC where many families participate in activities and serve as volunteers.

Mr. Caldwell suggested one CMRC in-house registration not to exceed \$275; Mr. Spray-Fry seconded the motion. Mr. Martin will inform the center of the donation.

Adjournment:

Mr. Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

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