Recreation Council Monthly Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2025

In attendance:
Jarod Picone, Lindsay Nixon, Max Moog, Brian Caldwell, Dana Gayleard, Maria Hamilton, Eleanor Huber, Marcy Murphy, Christine Carey, David Mullaly, Doug Menapace, Ashlee Hart, Amanda Moatz, Brendan Brannick, Brion Pechin, Steph Wilson, Brad Ferriell, Sue Quinn,Paul Franzoni, Heather Hourihan, Grace Hayes, Kevin Allgeier,Todd MacMullan, Sara Bakert

Call to Order

Mr. Picone called the meeting to order at 8:20.

Approval of Minutes

June 2025 Minutes were not approved at this meeting due to the delay in posting them on the website. Mr. Picone suggested a vote in October to approve June and September minutes

Treasurer's Report – Dana Gayleard

Mrs. Gayleard presented the August treasurer report (TR) and pointed out note "a" signifies the rebalance of the four lacrosse programs per Brad Ferrill; she also noted that approximately 400 will be transferred from fireworks to the general fund for fireworks parking passes and that she will make that journal entry.

Mr. Caldwell inquired why travel basketball was not a separate line item. Other members informed there was not a travel basketball program in recent years.

Mr. Caldwell seconded a motion by Mr. Menapace to approve the August Treasurer's Report as presented.

Budget Presentations

1. **Ladies Tennis (Sue Quinn)**
   This budget was reviewed at the June 2025 meeting but never approved. The program is expected to net approximately $3,000 with approximately same number participating.

   Mr. Caldwell seconded a motion from Mr. Menapace to approve the ladies tennis budget.

2. **Winter Basketball (Brendan Brannick)**
   Mr. Brannick noted that there is an additional program this year that will be run as a clinic. He is hoping that this will alleviate having to limit the signups this year like they did last year. The limit was done because of lack of gym space and referees. Gyms are limited already and limited more by the fact that the program needs gym space that has adjustable hoops. He also noted that he does not foresee having room for a travel program.
   The budget is based on an increase in participants of approximately 25 children. The program is beginning to buy jerseys rather than using pinnies. The net budgeted for this program is approximately a $2,000 deficit but had a large donation last year so has a large surplus remaining.

   Mr. Menapace seconded a motion by Mr. Picone to approve the winter basketball budget as presented.

3. **Roller Skating (Stephanie Wilson)**
   Ms. Wilson noted she tries to keep the registration fees at minimum. She noted by lowering the fee the program will end at a net deficit,but this will only eat into their beginning surplus.

   Mr. Menapace seconded a motion by Mr. Picone to approve the rollerskating budget as presented.

4. **Lacrosse (Todd MacMullan and Brad Ferriell)**
   Mr. MacMullen and Mr. Brad Ferriell presented the lacrosse budget . Mr. Ferriell noted that expected participation is similar to last year and that the girls numbers should level out. He also answered a question re the age limits on youth lacrosse. They only go up to 8th grade in both the rec and travel teams. He believes the for profit sector for anyone over that age is flooded and would not be beneficial for the council to increase the age.

   Rental expense is higher than last year because they will be renting space at St. Pauls so the participants can have some experience on a turf field. Mr. Ferriell said that it hinders the teams at tournaments when they have not used turf and most all other teams have. The lacrosse program will also be paying for TeamSnap this year.

   Mr. Ferriell also pointed out that it has been five years since girls lacrosse have gotten new uniforms so they will be buying new uniforms. He also discussed that the Council pays for the athletes' helmets. This cost is offset by the benevity payments the lacrosse program receives.

   Mr Ferriell noted that tournament costs are budgeted to be up due to the girls entering more tournaments this year.

   Ms. Nixon seconded a motion by Mr. Picone to approve the lacrosse budget as presented.

Council Report – Kevyn Allgeier

Mr. Allgeier introduced himself as the council's new community supervisor, but noted that he had been with the council the year before. He is working on getting the school blackout dates and so far only has a couple. If anyone knows of any, let him know. He also emphasized the importance of all volunteers to be registered with BCRP and have a free background performed on its website. He spoke of an event that happened with another rec council where a volunteer coach was arrested, but the council had no liability as the man was listed as having had the background check. The background check is for the safety of the council and the volunteer. He advised that there is a list of approved background checks on the departments website and its updated every Friday.

Mr. Allgeier also discussed the permitting process. He asked that program chairs and volunteers review this policy. The process is outlined in the Policies and Procedures tab of CMRC's website under "About Us." He emphasized that there is a hierarchy of approval and in order for a CMRC program to have the top priority, permit requests must be made on time. Also, in order for a permit request to be reviewed, the permits for sites at schools must first be approved by the school.

President's Report –Jarod Picone

1. **Volunteers and Program Registrants**
   Mr. Picone emphasized the importance of all volunteers having passed the county background check. It is the responsibility of the program chairs to make sure any volunteers in their program have completed.

2. **Communication with community supervisor**
   Mr. Picone requested that only program chairs are to communicate with Mr. Algeier to keep communication streamlined and clear.

3. **Board Positions**
   In the Council's June 2025 meeting, the new board was elected, but since that time Mr. Nathan Powell has resigned and Mr Moog took his place as treasurer, a position he has held in the past. Therefore, the position of Vice President is again open.

4. **Soccer Incident on May 11, 2025**
   Mr. Picone met with Mr. Bob Smith regarding the McCloskey grievance on July 1, 2025. The case was referred to the Baltimore County Office of Administrative Law. One person involved stood trial for second degree assault and came to a plea agreement. Both parties involved are still suspended from CMRC activities

5. **Donations of Stock**
   A donor would like to be able to donate stock to the fitness program, so the Council will be opening a brokerage account.

6. **Stone Alley**
   a. Stone Alley has increased their payment processing fee from 2.99% to 3.09%
   b. A process guide for new programs and sessions has been added to CMRC website. Mr. Picone also emphasized that this section of the website can help members with many help topics not limited to new programs.

7. **BCRP Fees**.
   All adults and travel participants will be charged a fee at the county level. It is the program chair's responsibility to submit their rosters to the BCRP registrar. This is for all seasons the program has sessions.

CMRC Fee Reduction

In previous meetings, discussions took place on lowering the registration fees for program participants. After the June 2025 meeting, program chairs reported their number of registrations for the year. Mr. Picone announced total registrations were approximately 3,812. Annual expenses tend to be around $55K. Mr Picone provided the following calculations.

- Reduction of rate to $20 - Revenue $76,240 Net surplus$21,240
- Reduction of rate to $15 - Revenue $57,180 Net surplus $2,180

A motion was made by Mr. Picone that CMRC reduce it's registration fees. The board voted to pass the motion. The vote was 5-1

Mr Picone made a motion to lower the registration fee to $15. The board voted. This motion did not pass. The vote was 2-4.

Mr Picone made a motion to lower the registration fee to $20. The board passed this motion. The vote was 4-2

Registration fee will be $20 for anyone opening their programs to registrants beginning October 1, 2025

Fundraising

Ms. Carey requested approval of a fall fun raffle to raise funds for travel baseball.

Mr. Menapace seconded Mr. Picone's motion to approve.

Proposal for New Program

Ms. Houlihan and Ms. Hayes presented a power point detailing the program Volley Tots - a volleyball program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Interest in volleyball has increased dramatically over the past 10 years. The program focuses on teaching the fundamentals of volleyball such as movement, footwork, arm work, power and tracking and beginner skills of passing, hitting, serving, and setting. Cost of supplies will be minimal as the nets, balls, etc have been previously purchased. Ms. Hayes suggested that the classes would be run by her but she would request parent volunteers or older girls involved in in Master Volleyball Academy. Many girls take this opportunity to get service hours for school requirements. She also informed the group that they would not run the program in the winter because of lack of gym space. For the other seasons they would like to request one night a week. Mr. Allgeier stated that he did not foresee that being a problem.

The board voted 6-0 to accept the new volleyball program.

Adjournment:
Mr. Picone adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be October 9, 2025 at 8:15 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Sweet Air Park.