

Dummerston Recreation Board: Minutes

Date: October 16, 2014

Present: Molly Stoner, Melanie Chamberlin, Carrie Ritson, Keith Marshall, Ellen Nam

Absent: (none)

Visitors: Ron Svec, John Pinkney

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Meeting called to Order: 5:07 p.m.

I. Hear from Middle School Coaches

a. Ron Svec re soccer: John Pinkney re basketball

1. Ron struggling to find numbers of kids (13 from our school this year; 2 joining from other schools)
 2. John also struggling with numbers; concerned that when invites 5th (and 6th), may be impacting rec program
 3. philo: athleticism, skills, fitness, personal responsibility, social skills (stress skills so those going on to high school have them)
 4. question of coed: around grade 3 or 4, becomes hard for girls and boys to play together (maybe even earlier). Bratt Rec does single gender starting at grade 3.
 1. offer practice or clinics by single gender – could integrate into teams as interested
 2. could do within practice: small group work
 5. desire to help rec board help kids develop skills:
 1. mentor possibility: John would like to connect with our coach, help with fundamental skills **Mel will be in touch with John about who our coaches are and how he can help**
 2. Bob Bigelow – runs coaches clinic for basketbal; John hoping to bring him in November
 3. Vermont Soccer Association (part of U.S. Youth Soccer) – northern part of the state. Has resources (movies, booklets). Ron has had them come for clinics in August a number of years (get our coaches there!)
 6. Linking olders/youngers
 1. Pep rallies at school before first game of the seasons!! (littles make signs)
 1. **Molly to follow up with JoCarol and Kim**
 2. **Westmoreland tournament for soccer; before first basketball**
 2. have middle school girls visit practices and/or games
 3. olders to play game at banquet??
 7. Tournament: small round robin thing some time?
- Landmark or Putney School often open to court space on weekends
8. Equipment:
 1. Soccer: small goals belong to school; field will need more treatments soon
 2. Basketball: goal of getting backboards that lower

II. Soccer

1. Review of season thus far
2. Final banquet preparation
 1. **Carrie on PR: remember shirts, potluck outline**
 2. Oct. 25 – **Mel will check with Stella**
 3. **pick-up games at 10:00; gather when over**
 4. **Ellen getting gift certificates;**
 5. **Keith has ordered medals**
 6. **Carrie: potluck invites: Carrie**
 7. **Molly: paper goods/hotdogs(150)/rolls/condiments (100 people)**
 8. **Mel: ice cream bar**
 9. need help bringing in nets, coaches return gear
3. Putney Tournament discussion:
 1. ages – for grades 5 and 6, 4th as invited (select, lottery, first come????)
TABLED for final decision next year
 2. funding – with the invite, charge \$10 additional to cover \$150 fee
 3. other (for next year)
4. Maintenance of field – will need another treatment in fall
5. new ideas:
 1. Spring signup
 2. PR in June re soccer/basketball/baseball camps in the area

III. Basketball

- a. Communications with Brattleboro re league; league discussion
- b. Coaching: **Mel will pursue**
- c. Registration: pre-register at soccer banquet. Can use old form (write on top – basketball). Main registration: Nov. 1, 9:00-10:00 a.m. In Gym. **Mel is leading;**
- d. **Carrie doing newsletter announcement/flyer – registration, coaches, refs**
- e. scheduling: **Mel will go to the scheduling meeting**
- f. teams: K-1 skill building; grades 2-3 maybe 4; grades 5-6 maybe 4
- g. practice Saturdays (Dumm. and Neumann Hall), games during week
- h. **Mel doing inventory** – may need balls, bigger T-shirts or jerseys **Keith pricing (sleeveless)**
- i. **Keith buying: whistles, scorebooks, T-shirts (through Darlene: print on back \$11 each; just front \$8)**
- j. **longterm planning: Should we join Charlie Siggins League for boys gr 3-4, 5-6?**

IV. Name for teams; can we use wildcats, like middle school? (**Molly will check with kim**)

V. Community Events - **Tabled**

- a. ideas for winter
- b, PR

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.