

Dummerston Recreation Board Meeting

10.1.24

5:30pm in the Dummerston School

In attendance: Margaret, Adam, Jedediah, Johana, Will, Olivia, Maeve

- 1) Board Positions
 - a) Chair–Adam Palmiter
 - i) Coach coordinator
 - b) Secretary-Margaret Shugart
 - c) Treasurer- Johana Lengfellner
 - d) Social Media Chair-Olivia Sandreuter
 - i) Adding the photo permission question on the sign up forms going forward–opt out
 - e) Concessions Chair- Adam Palmiter and Jedediah Popp
 - i) Clean out concessions area of the shed
 - ii) Start with simple snacks and drinks
 - f) Lead for each sports activity–Adam made a list of tasks for the each sport lead
 - i) Soccer
 - ii) Basketball - Jake Quinney?
 - iii) Baseball
 - iv) Ice Rink - Margaret
- 2) Town Requirements for meetings
 - a) Warning
 - b) Agenda
 - c) Minutes
 - d) Ratifying decisions made at “unofficial” meetings, especially if related to money
- 3) Communications
 - a) Dummerston Rec Board gmail account
 - i) Can be monitored internally
 - ii) Google drive with documents
 - b) Dummerston Rec Board social media accounts
 - i) Can use to share information with Dummerston School and other town accounts
- 4) AARPA funds still available–November meeting
- 5) Soccer
 - a) T-shirts for Soccer (and perhaps more use with other sports)
 - i) Can open up sponsorships for other sports and years to other possible sponsors

- ii) Coaches shirts can be reused every year ** What if coaches want to keep their shirts? I think this would be fine too if they want to. Just trying to keep the costs down any way we can on repeat years.
 - iii) Possibly reusing same-fitting shirts if child's size stays the same
 - b) Coaches connecting with other regional coaches for collaboration/ games
 - i) There's a regional network for soccer
 - ii) Maeve has a document to share with the rec google drive with the schools. Coaches, contact info and when they are able to play games
 - c) Lining the fields
 - i) Need to do for first home games on October 5, 2024
 - d) End of Soccer Banquet
 - Saturday morning before Halloween-
 - Voted on- October 26
 - After kids v. parents game at 9:30am
 - Potluck - Each age group bring something
 - Prek/K drinks
 - 1st/2nd - baked goods
 - 3rd-5th - all other goods
 - Olivia can make a flier
 - Budget expectations
 - Gifts for coaches
 - Treats for kids - Halloween candy
 - Medals - Ashley counted and we will decide if we need more or not.
- 6) Basketball starts in November
 - a) Basketball Contact list
 - b) Need sign up form
 - i) Jersey / shirt size - check the basketball shirts in the shed
 - ii) Social media / media consent
 - iii) Cotton shirt as well?
 - iv) Parents who want to coach/ volunteer
 - v) Other things to consider/coordinate
 - (1) Use of gym, reserve gym.
 - (2) Practice and game time
 - (a) Thursdays often open
 - (3) Need to connect with the league regarding scheduling
- 7) Ice Rink set up to be scheduled
- 8) Sign-up forms additions going forward
 - a) Parental Permissions We should look at the old print forms and maybe add some of the questions to our google sign up form Old printed form
 - i) Opt out for photos
 - b) Size of jerseys
- 9) Need to make a document with a list of volunteers available for each sport/activity
 - a) Coaches

- b) Referees
 - c) Here is a Template for each season.
 - d) Look out into the community
 - i) Olivia can make a flyer and put on social media and Front Porch Forum
 - (1) Include "Rec Board is Back" revival
 - (2) Olivia can look into simple background checks
- 10) Do volunteers need to pass background checks/ fingerprinting/ training?
- a) Need a process for approving a coach
 - i) Jedediah will look into processes and questions that could be used for vetting a coach
 - ii) Making sure it's a template so questions are uniform across each person
 - b) Can ask the town about liability questions
 - c) Safe Sports trainings available for coaches
- 11) Coaches -
- a) Training for
 - b) Vetting template
 - c) Background checks
 - d) Back up coaches/assistant
- 12) General networking
- a) Libby in Putney
 - b) Chris Brown in Wilmington
 - c) Eric Liberdoni—Brattleboro
- 13) Other events, especially that inspire other community participation
- a) 5k in the trails and/or on the field
 - b) Skating Rink events
- 14) How many meetings?
- a) Another before basketball
 - i) October 22
 - ii) November 5
 - b) Subgroup meetings

Agenda Items for next meeting October 22

- 15) Cost of sports—\$20 per child for basketball to start OR donate what you can OR sliding scale
- i) Sliding scale could work if it is sliding scale- maybe when we figure out how to pay electronically. Might be hard to ask on a sliding scale in person.
 - ii) Return to soccer families for donations for participation and jerseys
- 16) Sponsorships
- 17) Budget is due in a couple of weeks

- a) Being more assertive with the town to get more money each year
- 18) Establishing goals and ideas for the rec board going forward to build momentum
- 19) Thinking about a yearly retreat to build the board
- 20) ARPPA funds
- 21) Create expectations for Coaches

Board Member Actions - Review and edit

Maeve-

- Type up minutes
- Share documents from her drive to the Rec drive
- Start an email conversation about the Budget. The town wants our budget by October 16th i believe. We can be assertive if we have documentation about our goals to back it up.
- Google form for basketball
 - Add shirt size
 - Add photo release
 - Do we want to add statements that were previously listed on the paper sign up forms?

Olivia-

- Creating Fliers!
 - Rec Board is back! -Share it with the town Clerk to send to all
 - Maybe: Introduce the members
 - Please Join Ask
 - Please volunteer- here are all the ways you might contribute
 - Basketball flier - attach the sign up form link to it.
- Agreed to be the Basketball Coordinator-will you track what you do in the basketball folder
- Email Julianne about the use of the gym for Basketball practices and games. Ask if others have spoken for it already. And agree to a date when we have to decide by.
- Research some coach trainings

Adam-

- Concession Clean out
- Create a goals doc. We can dream big.

Margaret-

- Warn the next 2 meetings - 10/22 & 11/5
 - Type Agenda for the next meeting
- Research town liability

Jedediah-

- Concession Clean out
- Coach and volunteer research vetting

Johana-

- Communicate with the town treasurer about getting electronic payments set up.
- Communicate with Libby from Putney about how they accept electronic payments
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