

Dummerston Recreation Board Agenda

3/3/25

Topic: Recreation Board Meeting

Time: March 3, 2025

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 891 4626 9358

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In Attendance:

Olivia

Will

Margaret

Jo

1. Do we have bylaws? Do we need to meet in person?
 - a. MMS asked Laurie
2. Approve minutes from 11/05/2024 and 10/22/2024 meetings (no meeting in January, correct? No meeting in February)
3. Meetings are now first Mondays at 5:30pm
4. ARPA funds
 - Laurie said there are no more funds available
5. Basketball
 - a. Update from basketball planning committee
 - b. Planning the end of basketball season party
 - i. Budget approvals for supplies
 - ii. Any reimbursements needed— unanimous
 - iii. Any quotes for basketball requests?
 - iv. Had the end of season party and Olivia sent over the receipts for reimbursement
 - v. Did an open gym at the school
 1. Opened the gym and let families who participated in the season showed up and used the basketball
 - vi. Olivia is adding the games from the season to the drive
 1. $\frac{2}{3}$ had 4 games
 2. had 6 games—including Hilltop games

vii. Next year we may be able to get into a league—Townshend, Newfane and into Mass etc

1. Might be kind of full
2. Newfane coaches were helpful with explaining rules since we were new; one of the coaches helped referee
3. Putney, Guilford have another thing set up so maybe get in with them
4. Olivia is interested in working with basketball again next year
 - a. Can help with signups and a flyer and get it to Melanie and help get the word out
 - b. Jed also coached baseball and they might be able to help (coordinator??)

viii. Brought in a total of around \$540 in from the registration fees (most paid)

ix. Coordinator role

1. Track of signup sheets
2. Creating teams
3. Reaching out to coaches
4. Assigning them teams
5. Communication with towns and school districts to set up games
6. Communication with the school for field usage
7. Planning end of year meeting
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6. Baseball

- a. We will need coordinator
- b. Olivia interested in supporting
 - i. Helping with signups
- c. Putney probably doesn't have a baseball
- d. Who were families who helped last year
 - i. Chelsea White mentioned helping out; maybe interested in joining rec board
 - ii. Her husband may have helped with coaching a previous year
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 - iv.
 - e. Can reach out to Newfane and see what they do for schedule for their baseball season; Brattleboro starts late April for baseball and t-ball
 - f. What kind of equipment do we have?
 - i. Maybe baseball, bats, jerseys (would need a sponsor)
 - ii. Or maybe reusable jerseys- maybe even a sponsor for that
 - iii.
7. Ice Rink update
 - a. Vote for reimbursement on additional expenses
 - b. Holes in liner and fire department fill
 - c. Parties
 - i. Held one in December, cancelled one in January
 - ii. Seems to be interest on FB
 - iii. Cannot do it alone
 - d. Viability of the rink next year
8. Overall Coaching
 - a. Vetting
 - i. Update from Jedadiah re: research
 1. They started a draft of steps to take
 2. Start with background checks and social contract
 - ii. Liability—what falls on school and what falls on town?
 - iii. Margaret spoke to Bob Fisher regarding coaches and training/ liability. He suggested reaching out to Liam Elio, director of the mountain towns recreation board. Fisher said Liam did a lot of research on the subject
 1. **Liam Elio - Director**
 2. **Phone: 802-824-3356 ext. 8**
 3. **Email: recdirector@londonderryvt.org**
 - iv. Fisher hasn't looked at the lease but he think everyone has some liability
9. Concessions and shed update
 - a. Adam reorganized shed, built shelves and put items into totes
10. Brainstorm ideas update both fundraising and sports
 - a. Adam started a brainstorming doc in the folder to add ideas for us to discuss for events and fundraisers
11. Confirm next meeting date and topics

