

Dummerston Recreation Board Minutes

4/7/25

Topic: Recreation Board Meeting

Time: April 7, 2025, 5:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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In Attendance: Maeve, Margaret, Will, Adam Call to order - 5:03

1. We do not have to be in person. Default to zoom...
Conversation about making sure our meeting match the designated person for each sport. Depending on the season we can agree to the time frame.
2. Look at later
3. Yes the 4 of us did.
 - a. Olivia needs to notify the selectboard
 - b. We will ask maria who signed on again
4. Plan to meet in August. Skip July we will let Laurie know.
 - a. Keep first monday of the month
5. Jessica Nelson asked for a letter of support from the Rec board for a grant to complete the walking trail.
 - a. Fundraiser - 5K?....
 - b. Involve 6th grade as volunteers?
 - c. How involved does the Playground Committee want to be?
 - d. When it is completed the maintenance will be on the Rec department.
 - e. What does Girls on the Run use?
 - f. Have liability forms
 - g. Have donation forms
 - h. A Fun Run with laps on the soccer field instead of a set period of time
 - i. Prizes—most laps, most money raised best costumes, teams in the middle—food, music
 - i. Adam has experience with putting together similar events
 - j. June 7th or 8th

- k. MMS to talk to Dan Bailey about work on the soccer field
 - 6. Baseball
 - a. Only 8 people signed up— 4 5th graders, K, Prek and 2nd grader
 - b. Twin Valley joined a Mass league, Putney doesn't have one this year
 - c.
 - d. Should we consider other sports like cross-country or sports that can be less rigorous
 - i. Field days on Saturday mornings where we open the rec shed and people come with their families (parents need to come); 9-11am Saturdays; 8 weeks left to have those
 - ii. Soccer balls
 - iii. Baseball materials
 - iv. Frisbee golf
 - v. Ultimate frisbee
 - vi. Kickball
 - vii. Cross-country games
 - viii. Rugby
 - ix. Kite flying
 - x. Like Mt Snow has family camps—each week a different activity like a hike
- Action steps - Maeve email baseball sign ups not happening. Make info about Family field Day

- 7. Have a year-long calendar for when to expect which sport and its signups
- 8. Ice rink
 - a. Looking for engagement avenues in the community
 - i. Interest in hockey?—adults/ kids
 - ii. Need more buy-in and more volunteers
 - iii. Not sure about next year
- 9. Take the goals apart.
- 10. Do we need to buy more goals - higher quality
- 11. Future coach vetting conversation. It only works if we have coaches interested to choose from.
- 12. Fundraiser change the fun run to June 1 with the 7th as a rain day.
- 13. We have discussed and agreed to buy a new fridge not to exceed \$500.00
- 14. Next meeting may 5th

- 1. Do we have bylaws? Do we need to meet in person?
 - a. MMS asked Laurie—if we are state we are going to meet in person, someone absolutely has to be at the location. We should not make a change last minute
- 2. Approve minutes from previous meetings
- 3. Did everyone report to Selectboard their desire to serve on Rec Board again?
- 4. Are we meeting in summer months?
- 5. Update: letter of support for Dummerston Playground Committee grant application(s)

- a. Also, should we plan a fundraiser for the walking trail? 5k? If so, how to include 6th grade?
- 6. Baseball
 - a. What support do Olivia and Maeve need?
 - b. Do we have an official coordinator?
 - i. 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
 - 8. Doesn't need to be on site for all practices (since don't have to open the building, just the rec shed); don't have to be at every game
 - a. Coaches opened and closed the rec shed
 - c. 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
 - d. 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. T-ball equipment
- 7. Ice Rink update
 - a. Taking it down as much as possible April 5
 - b. Viability of the rink next year
 - i. Hockey training for next year for more buy-in and use of the rink?
 - ii. Too much work falling on too few volunteers
 - iii. Dan Bailey talked about using fill from walking trail construction to level small soccer fields behind the rec shed so we could put rink there next year and be able to use concession stand and be closer to electricity
 - iv. Bailey talked about building a porch with a roof off the rec shed so there is shelter
- 8. Soccer
 - a. Dan Bailey asks that we take down the PVC goals and store them in the rec shed (currently on the small soccer fields)
- 9. 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

- a. Next steps and who can take them?
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
 - b. 5k or 1k fundraiser for walking trail?
11. Confirm next meeting date and topics