

Dummerston Recreation Board Minutes

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In Attendance: Ashley Perkins, Brad Palone, Margaret Shugart, Jon McLean

- 1) Basketball:
 - a) Doorstops and follow up messages to coaches and families
 - b) End of year party
 - c) Overall success – played several games
 - d) New equipment for next year
 - i) prek/k hoop
 - e) Coordinating games together with other coaches at the beginning of season for efficiency

- 2) Something in spring?
 - a) Baseball/ T-Ball
 - Could maybe do something in July instead, when Brattleboro program is over
 - Jon called around to different towns to see if anyone else is doing basketball
 - Vernon in a league with some teams in Massachusetts
 - Westminster does Rockingham small fry
 - Jon is helping out with small fry with Brattleboro
 - b) Survey results: 11 responses
 - i) MWF practices, some Saturday or all but Saturday
 - ii) Soccer - 7 yes
 - iii) Cross-country- 2 yes

- iv) List of other sports: archery, lacrosse, t-ball, soccer, hockey, cross-country, ultimate frisbee, biking club (Andrew Morrison, coordinate?)

c) Soccer

- i) Ben from Westminster reached out about coordination between teams ahead of season
 - (1) Margaret can start coordinating a meeting with the coaches
 - (2) Send a link to other coaches
- ii) Anyone able to coordinate spring soccer?
 - (1) If someone can step up to coordinate, could also have mid-week practices
- iii) What dates, roughly?
 - (1) May 2 thru June 13
- iv) Other teams in the area who could play games?
 - (1) Westminster, Guilford, Putney
- v) Keep the same jerseys
- vi) Maybe instead of more structured practices, we have pick up soccer games on Saturdays—would be easier coordinate
- vii) Could be a good time to get concessions up and running
 - (1) Margaret and Ashley can try to head up the revamp
- viii) Need to set our schedule so we can tell Dan and he can coordinate with other teams who are asking to use the field

d) Cross-country?

- i) Bonuses: kids love to run, no equipment needed
- ii) Maeve had 3 sign up in a previous year, it was same time as soccer (one left to go play soccer)
 - (1) Had a high schooler coach them—how to manage themselves, run hills etc
 - (2) Stayed on campus, in the woods

e) Family Rec days over summer when rec shed is open

- i) Helps kids stay in touch with friends over the summer
- ii) Break out the grill, have parents hang out and talk about rec while kids play
- iii) Set “a honey trap” for a new crop of rec board members
- iv) Advertise regularly on FB to build momentum

2) Fun Run

- i) Try to schedule for the fall

3) Running the funds through the town

4) Bringing back the ice rink

- a) Ashley interested in coordinating

5) Joining the Recreation Board

- a) Link to simple google form in a flyer and outside a flyer
 - i) Ashley can make the poster
 - ii) Margaret can generate the link
 - b) In the newsletter
 - c) On FB
 - d) Through FIT
 - e) Through town emails
- 6) Snow person contest
- a) The snow disappeared!