

Central Carroll Recreation Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Mechanicsville Elementary

Attendees

Robert Freter	President/Soccer
Sheldon Topolsky	Vice-President/Karate
Lona Greensfelder	Treasurer
Steve Krouse	Community Coordinator
Margot Wolman	Secretary
Sue Grimm	CHE United Soccer
Sue DiPietro	Field Hockey
Melissa Moshang	Field Hockey
John Fitzgerald	Football/Cheer/Lacrosse
Thomas Roettger	CHE United
Bob Delph	CMCC /Chairman
Terry Delph	CMCC /Treasurer
Mark Zinamosca	CMCC/Head Coach
Tina Shupp	Recreation & Parks

Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Attendees Introduced
3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Community Coordinator's Report
6. Carroll County Department of Recreation Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Program Reports
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Open Forum
12. Announcement of the Next Meeting
13. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

Meeting Called to Order/Introduction of Attendees: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Freter.

Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and will be submitted to Ron Seibel for posting on the website.

President's Report: Robert Freter

1. Rob clarified again that each program must pay their \$2/pp fee for background checks at the end of it's season. There remains some outstanding fees due and that is being resolved.

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2. **The Friends of Carroll Recreation and Parks** has a new president and vice president. New president of FOCRAP is the North Carroll Rec Council president, John Woodley and the new Vice President is the Charles Carroll Rec Council president, Jason Sidlock. Discussion at the FOCRAP meeting was about the County's plan to advertise all the Council's programs through a quarterly or seasonal email to all students.

3. **Program Reimbursement:** If your program needs equipment or funds for something specific, submit a request to the Council. There are funds available. However, do not go shopping and send a bill. You must submit a proposal first. Please submit your requests via email to Robert Freter and Steve Krouse. If it's a simple, low budget request, it can be simple with a few details. If it's a larger request, be sure to offer more details and if any volunteer hours will be garnered to make the ask more appealing. If the request is significantly larger and will serve several programs, Self Help funds might be more appropriate but will take much longer to get the funds.

5. **Facility use:** There is a new facility manager at Rec & Parks, Tom Robertson. They have a pretty inflexible schedule so if it rains on a day one of our fields is to be mowed, they will skip that week. This puts the onus of the program leaders to mow their own fields. Some programs pay an outside vendor to mow to their specifications anyway because the county can't meet them.

6. **Self Help:** Rob will re-submit again the request for irrigation at Magin/Deer Park. This submission is due in September.

7. **Meeting Dates:** Many council members can't make the May meetings because their programs are in full swing. In December, we will revisit the possibility of moving the May meeting to June instead.

8. **Deer Park expansion** is in the works thanks to the donated 19 acres but it's unclear just how this will benefit the our council; when the fields will be made available; how many will be available; what parking will be available; etc etc. There will soon be a meeting regarding pushing a new access road in from Rt 32. What is clear is that we will loose access to the CCC fields, mostly ill-affecting the Hockey program.

6. **Scholarships:** Scholarships up to \$1,000 are available to applicants who meet specific criteria, most notably their participation in CCRP programs for three years. Volunteer capacities will also be rewarded. Applications will be accepted starting April 1, 2017 and received/postmarked no later than April 30th. Applications will be reviewed in May so that they can be awarded in June at graduation. Only two applications have been submitted so far for the scholarships offered by our Council. Sue Dipietro will see what kind of advertising is being done to encourage more applications.

Community Coordinator's Report: Steve Krouse

1. The new pavilion is completed at Deer Park. The tennis and basketball courts have been resurfaced but fencing and nets still need to be installed.

2. Steve will see if the Westminster Rec Council is okay with us advertising our Field Hockey program in their schools since they don't offer field hockey themselves.

3. Steve will see if Sandymount might have availability for Sue Grimm/CHE soccer in early August for practice in the evenings.

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Treasurer's Report: Lona Greensfelder

Lona submitted her Treasurer's Report noting that General Fund availability is \$69,311.23. In addition, \$63,871.16 is earmarked for programs in session or currently taking registrations.

Scholarship Awards: Lona Greensfelder and Sue DiPietro

Lona and Sue reported that 17 applications were received and reviewed. Lona blocked out names of the applicants on the essays so that they could read them without bias. Based on the essay requirement to describe "How your participation in the Central Carroll Recreation Council helped prepare you for your future", three applicants stood out. The Council voted and approved awarding each of the three applicants a \$1,000 scholarship. Sue will contact Westminster High School to determine what is required of us to award the checks at the school's Community Award's night on June 5.

Programs:

CMCC/football: Bob Delph explained that they opened registration early in February in order to get numbers up. The U14 league went to "the Super Bowl" thanks to great coaching. Bob has someone that wants to help install a new PA system at Main Field. He will coordinate with John Fitzgerald.

New Business

Open Forum

There was significant discussion about coordinating efforts to restore and maintain our fields throughout the meeting. Sections of Meadow are deemed unsafe. The PA system at Main needs a complete overhaul. Magin is overused and needs irrigation. Sheds, concession stands etc need makeovers. Lona and Sue D. mentioned that there are large amounts of trash disposed of behind sheds as well that need to be taken to the dump or scrap. To date, individuals have been personally taking on reseeding, raking, spreading dirt etc to fix whatever they can to make the fields playable. Liquid Grow was supposed to give a comprehensive plan to the council but that has not happened.

Rob Freter will meet with Bob Delph at Meadow to try to put together a full proposal, especially as Bob has parents with landscaping businesses who might be able to keep costs down significantly.

Sue Grimm proposed that we have two "Work Days" for all programs that use the fields to come out and help. A better coordinated effort needs to happen for these fields to stay in playable condition-- which some are just barely before the season even gets going. Getting volunteers to participate was of course addressed with some frustration. No final decisions were made but all agreed a better coordinated effort needs to happen. Lona will contact Liquid Grow again to see about a plan for the fields.

Reminder

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Belissimo's Restaurant in Finksburg at 7pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.