

Prettyboy Recreation Council Meeting
January 14, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mary La Porta, Rachael Zajac, Misty Norwicz, Ashley Baker, Colleen Swerbinsky, Matt Allen, Shelly Regars, Dan Schardt, Chrissy Brandt, Joel Gladfelter, Meredith Lott

General

- Meeting called to order at 7:33 pm by **Mary La Porta**
- Minutes from meeting held on Dec 17, 2024 reviewed.
 - Motion to approve: **Colleen**, 2nd: **Rachael**

Treasurer's Report – Dan Schardt

- Prior to discussing the Treasurer's Report in detail, Mary reminded the group to keep in mind everything the council does, and works towards, is for the children. Additionally, to be transparent with the community, would like to post the minutes and treasury report on the new website.
- Dan advised he corrected the \$642 check for the dance program.
- Beyond Canvas had a lot of activity for the month, as well as indoor soccer.
- Cash balance went up over \$10k for month of Dec. A lot of this has to do with the timing of when things are coming and going out of the accounts.
- Dan Started a 12 month look back on all programs, auditing TeamSnap registrations and comparing the numbers to the report.
 - Mary noted outdoor soccer's balance is way off – Dan will be starting with outdoor soccer for the audit.
- Overall cash trend is positive when looking at a 4-month time frame compared to that of last year.
- Dan corrected an issue Rachael caught where TeamSnap was bundling everything under one program for beyond canvas and arts in motion.
- Dan can easily run reports to look at data if there's something someone wants to look at/compare, just let him know.
- Rachael advised it should read James Pfeiffer for the referee transaction – not Justin. Dan reassured the check was made out to right person.
 - Motion to approve reports: **Colleen**, 2nd: **Chrissy**

Baltimore County Parks & Rec – Kevin Parry

- Kevin was not present for the meeting. He reached out to Mary ahead of the meeting stating he had nothing to offer.

Home B.A.S.E & Tiny Tots – Chrissy Brandt & Shelly Regars

- Topic of the doorbell and camera not working/proposal to replace was brought up.
 - Shelly advised the keypad from the back wall may or may not have an issue. Thinking it's a humidity issue with the door and it not closing completely (which would be a BCPS issue). However, if it is the keypad that has an issue, then it would need to be replaced by the Council as opposed to BCPS assisting with the issue.
 - The handheld remote control is broken. Unfortunately, Shelly was advised in order to get a new handheld remote, the keypad would need to be replaced as well. They can't just provide a new remote. Shelly wants to wait until it's hot and humid again to see if it's an issue with the door itself.
 - Mary stated if we need it, let's go ahead and move forward with it since the money is there.
- Opened up in house registration for Tiny Tots and Home B.A.S.E for next year, happening now.

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- Summer tuition was increased to cover insurance.
- Bought new tables for the 2/3's class.
- Shelly is still having issues accessing transactions on the site. Dan has been logging in as Pat in order to see everything since he is having the same login issues.
 - Need Chris Devaney to tell us what needs to be done to correct this and put it into action.

Basketball - Rachael Zajac

- Ending the season soon, everything has been going well.
- This week is mid-week games.
- Playoffs next weekend, won't know what it will be until after this week's games.

Outdoor Soccer – Sam Bramwell

- Sam not present - Mary advised nothing to report, out of season.

Indoor soccer – Mary La Porta/Heather Gonano

- Closed registration. Numbers are down a lot. Normally 80-90 kids registered and barely got 60 for the season.
- Teams and schedules have been created, uniforms ordered.
- Starting the first week of Feb with practices.

Concession Stand – Joel Gladfelter

- Joel hasn't been able to get in there and accomplish what he had wanted to with the recent weather.
- Sarah started a list of items to send out for donations.
- Looking for fundraising opportunities.

Tennis – Lauren Otto

- *Not discussed*

Softball – Ashley Baker

- Ashley opened registration Monday, keeping fees the same this year.
- Looking at possibly adjusting the age groups.
 - 14U = middle school, 10u, and 8u. Looking to possibly put together a HS team.
 - Carroll Manor has a clinic – maybe transition 5-6 year olds to clinic to knock down registration fee.
 - Didn't know last year that Carroll Manor didn't have their age groups set up similar to ours. Ours had 5-8 year olds in the 8U group and Carroll Manor had 3rd graders playing in that age group.
 - Looking to possibly do K & 1st grade in clinic, then 2nd and 3rd grade together. 14U is all middle school (6th-8th grade), 10U is 9-10 years old, and players that are 11 years old would be placed depending on what grade they're in.
- Need to order more softballs for the season. Got new gear last year.
- Ashley is going to get with Dion, and also talk to Joel, about ordering field supplies.
- Also wants to get together with Rachael to get discuss getting young umpires to assist.
 - Rachael stated she doesn't want to put kids out there without training, make sure they have a support system.
 - Ashley said they had one younger female umpire last year.

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- Looking into putting something together for the league to watch a local college softball game.
- Ashley inquired about where to get sponsorship forms. Per Mary, there is no form, would just need to provide the sponsor with our tax-exempt number. Mary suggested making up a form and provide the sponsor with a receipt that details the amount of money donated and it was for a nonprofit program

Baseball – Joel Gladfelter

- Behind schedule with registration posting, still doing planning for the season.
 - In the process of budgeting to determine the registration cost. Noted 5th and 7th have posted theirs.
- T-ball will be opening too and the program will allow 4-year-old participants to sign up. This allows options for families with kids in different age groups and will be co-ed.
- Doesn't think there will be enough participants for a AAA team. Maybe had 3 kids last year. If they sign up this year, he'll push them to Hereford Rec. Hopeful next year there will be enough participants for a team.
- Wants to do the opening week pep rally again and have named teams like last year.
 - Going to talk with coaches from last season to see if they want to keep the same team names.
- Going to talk offline with Dan about a possible fundraiser idea.
- Dan brought up they had an Orioles Baseball Day event. The kids got to parade around the stadium and it was a great time. Joel mentioned doing it again for the league, also extended it to Ashley to have softball join in on it as well.
 - Maybe sometime in May?
 - Dan just got an email in reference to it that he'll forward to Joel.
 - Last year it was \$13 per ticket and they paid \$2 more to get the physical ticket. This year maybe tack on an additional \$2 and use those funds towards fundraising. Joel can include softball too if they want to do it.
- Fundraising idea for opening day mentioned - \$1 pie to coach's faces.

Referee Mentoring – Rachael Zajac

- Going well, first incident tonight. Otherwise, positive, good feedback.
- Keep getting emails from parents of kids saying can we keep it going, can they do any other sports?
- Got them in Hereford Faith & Life Church so they can continue refereeing for the season (basketball).
- Tentative date in Feb to meet up and formulate plan for next year's trainings - who they want to open it up to, ages, etc. There are only so many games to give out so the number of participants should be limited.
- Mary suggested possibly holding a one-week clinic session in the summer to get the hype up, once school is out.
- Rachael wants to get with the other commissioners and post the rules at each school for the referees.
- Rachael currently gives the kids a cheat sheet, suggested sharing it with senior refs too.

Adult Basketball

- *Not discussed.*

Creative Kids Club – Rachael Zajac

- 2 programs:
 - **Arts in Motion – Dance Class**
 - 24 registrants – registration was originally open until 12/31, extended to 1/31.

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- Will be held in the gym and instructed by Ms. Boyle, Mrs. Stavros, and Ms. Natalie.
- Believes Mrs. Stavros is putting something together to go out over the announcements regarding sign-up.
- **Beyond the Canvas – Art class**
 - Full capacity for the spring. 36 kids total, 30 paid registrants. Will be held in the cafeteria.
 - Lessons have been created.
 - Rachael has a purchase list ready, waiting to do it after basketball ends.

Yoga Club – Rachael Zajac

- Registration opened today.
 - The club will run from 3/6 - 4/10 with Mrs. Mansfield and Ms. Bossi instructing.
 - Rachael hadn't checked TeamSnap yet to see if there were any registrants.

Lego Club

- Per Mary – Registration is open and flyers went out.

Old Business

- **Webpages**
 - Mary inquired if everyone has had a chance to look at it – Does everything look ok?
 - If you need help getting in or setting things up, let Mary know – send her a text.
 - If you want to be a user and you're not one, also let Mary know.
 - Website is now mapped to pbrec.org – this is the new one but old one is still up.
 - Old one has a message at the top to visit the new site. Will phase the old one out eventually.
- **MOU - Memorandum of Understanding between Rec Council and the County**
 - Mary still thinks we should sign it, will give us first priority when requesting permits / facilities.
 - Joel – Call for discussion:
 - Hesitation on it because it gives the County flexibility to change things down the road
 - Mary mentioned should they change things in the MOU down the road, they would need to send an updated version of the MOU to be reviewed and then signed off on.
 - Thinks we operate as a good model currently.
 - Feels the County is driving it to gain funding, but ultimately feels we should move forward with signing.
 - Question about repairs.
 - Mary stated she received an email asking what the Council wanted and what needed repairing, which she sent back off to the County. We need to ask them for things we want/things we want changed.
 - Recently replaced the basketball backboards.
 - General rule of thumb - if it's something already existing and in need of repair, then we can repair it. If it's not existing, then we need to go through the County to implement.
 - Ex. If there is an electrical outlet but it's not working, we can repair that. If there isn't already one there then we'd need to request it be put in.
 - Mary proposed to sign it, Joel motioned for it to be signed.
 - Vote was taken and the motion was passed by those in attendance to sign the MOU. Mary will move forward with signing.

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New Business

- **5th Grade T-shirt Purchase**
 - Typically, the Rec Council buys the graduating class t-shirts. The cost would be somewhere around \$800-1000.
 - Motion to purchase: **Colleen, 2nd: Rachael.**
 - Vote was taken and the motion to purchase was passed by the group.
- **West 88**
 - West 88 reached out advising they got a new machine. Their uniforms will no longer be printed, rather the design will be in the fabric.
 - They provided new numbers in regards to cost for the upcoming year.
 - Full customization, front and back, is \$26/shirt.
 - Name and number on the back is \$22/shirt.
 - Soccer typically paid \$25-30 for uniforms but those also included shorts and socks.
 - Can send digital copy of the information to those interested in using them for uniforms.

Other Items

- **Raffle Prize**
 - Joel suggested donating a \$50 voucher to the PTA for the upcoming event (Family fitness night or Health and Wellness event), to raffle off, that would come out of the Rec Council's general fund. It could be used towards any spring sport registration.
 - Motion for \$50 voucher for spring sport for family fitness night.
 - Motion to approve: **Matt, 2nd: Rachael.**
 - Passed by the group to supply a \$50 voucher.
- **Question about Tiny Tots**
 - Meredith inquired about the current lead teacher opening in Tiny Tots, wanting to know if they'd be hiring someone to fill the role.
 - Shelly advised they are waiting for things to settle down as the resignation was unexpected. Shelly is back in the classroom, helping. Missy is certified to be a lead teacher; however, she is currently an assistant. Missy is going back and forth trying to determine if she wants to transition to lead teacher or remain an assistant. Once Missy has made a decision, they'll then determine whether their next step is hiring a lead teacher or an assistant.

Motion to adjourn meeting made at 8:32 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 2/11/25 at 7:30 pm at Home B.A.S.E.

Recorded/Submitted by: Misty Norwicz