September 21, 2023 minutes – 5:00 rec meeting

Present: Elizabeth, Tim Maxson, Tyler Burhans, Olivia Congdon, Joe Condon, Ward Dukelow, Gary Dukelow, Tanya, Andrew

Absent: Ryan Dubois, Erin Donovan

Next meeting on October 19, 2023 at 5:00

* Introduction of Andrew
* Review of rec board requirements – reviewed
* Mission Statement – reviewed. Talked about including a code of conduct for participants and volunteer coaches. There is interest in having a code of conduct policy. Want to make sure that the focus is on giving opportunities to kids who want to learn and play.
* Football
  + Andrew provided a run down of numbers of participants and the budget. Route 81 football league is providing the referees. Some ice packs were used out of the bag of supplies, but no other problems so far. Cody from the fire department can help with refills. AED is now in place. There is now one at Calale for practice and at the school for games. Working with an Emergency Action Plan, which gives us a higher level with USA Football.
  + The waitlist kids for 3/4 came off the waitlist, but not 5/6 kids. It was confusing this year. Some of the kids might have left for Cortland.
  + Sounds like there is now better communication with the folks involved in football and they have a better sense of what we do and how the rec board works
* Basketball is coming up and registration will be from 10/12-10/31 in the John Tobin league. Practice to start in November with games in early January. Andrew reached out to old coaches and new coaches and has a meeting scheduled for 10/4 including the varsity coaches. Can talk about the skills they are working towards.
* Fall fun night – there will be a basketball relay race on the courts.
* Just borrowed some portable pickleball nets and will set them out on the basketball court so that people can try it out. Maybe also get something going in the school gym on Sunday mornings.
* Lots of old attire found upstairs that is still in great condition. Let’s do an apparel sale to move it out and use the money towards another program. Thinks this could be a seed for outdoor movie night.
* Vote on selling the apparel as surplus items at any event Andrew decides (football games, fall fun night) with proceeds going to outdoor movie night - Unanimous
* Asked for volunteers for fall fun night –
* Halloween – not sure if the school will do trunk or treat again or if they want to move it to the street assuming they could get a permit. Andrew will reach out to the school to think about what they are planning and if we could help them expand or enhance.
* Grants – we are not eligible for the USA Football Grant. Andrew did reach out to CYB for Youth Development Grant. Also looking to develop leisure lifetime pursuits. We have two applications in. CYB might be able to help with fieldtrips or to help us with equipment replacement costs.
* Discussed inventory – we will do better this year to collect things at the end of the sport program and keeping a clear count of what we have.
* Discussed pros and cons of letting people keep shirts and raising fees vs. getting nicer attire and having them turn it back in at the end of their programs.
* Lacrosse contract went out to use the field. Everything will go through Andrew. Adult group can join with cold brook or form their own entity.