**Brimfield Recreation Committee**

**Minutes: April 26, 2023**

**Chair:** Brendan Fullam

**Attendees:**  Sarah Rogers, Jill Sheldon, Marcie Springer, Sara Phaneuf, and Marie Ventimiglia.

1. **Order**
   * + Meeting Called to Order at 6:10 PM
2. **Review/Approval of Prior Minutes** 
   * + Minutes from March 30, 2023, seconded and approved.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** Marcie S.
   * + Current Balances
       - Revolving Account:
         1. **$53, 560.36**

**-$11,815.03** (basketball uniforms, basketball referee fees, basketball end of season party, baseball/softball equipment, baseball/softball uniforms, Little League/Softball league fees, registration waivers, and registration reimbursements).

**+$1,850 (**baseball/softball paper registrations)

*Approximate balance:* **$43,595.33**

* + - * Appropriation Account: **$0 (**closed after referee fees and equipment costs were paid out)
      * Athletic Association *(fund raising)*
        1. Country Bank: **$14,150.95**

1. **Softball/Baseball**
   * + Working on refund request for a parent for 1 child ($55)
     + Two (2) late registrations (Sarah) – will give that money to Marcie
     + Uniforms (for registered members) look nice
     + Issue-
       - Ladies cut is too slim; going forward will order unisex
       - Some shirt colors were “off” from the caps (some coaches wanted to buy new ones so they were same color)
     + Discussion: Umpire fees (teams split the cost)
     + Umpire equipment bought new last year.
     + Softball rules are not fully finalized.
     + “Required” items vs “strongly encouraged) – Sarah will talk with Justin
     + “Drop 3rd strike rules” discussed
     + “Steal” rules discussed
     + Jamboree
       - If it rains, the Jamboree will be cancelled. The decision will be made by noon the Friday before.
       - Questions regarding using the school for photographs (need to ask Mr. Ledbetter) - Company: New England Sports Photo
       - Sara P. will bring the PA for Saturday
       - The walk will proceed from the town common to in front of the Elementary School to the fields.
       - Sarah will speak at the Jamboree
2. **Soccer** 
   * + Registration is ongoing.
     + There are 2 volunteer coaches.
     + Parents notified of registration dates by letters sent home from school.
     + Justin is open to sponsorships for the teams.
     + Discussion: REC need to buy soccer nets
3. **Basketball – Sara**
   * + Bags for coaches to carry icepacks, balls, etc.
     + Discussion: Icepacks are needed
4. **Sports Connect** 
   * + DISCUSSION: Justin sent email with proposal to use Sports Connect for receiving payment for sports registration
     + 3.5%- fee paid by REC Committee
     + Parents pay 3.4% credit card processing fee.
     + If we initiate this now – goal would be August – we can get the kinks worked out.
     + RESULT: This proposal is on hold as we need to check with the town regarding the REC revolving account. We need to ask the bank who opened / whose name is on the revolving account.
5. **Zero Tolerance Policy**
   * + Motion: This policy will be put into effect immediately. Going forward, this policy will be on the registration process.
     + VOTE: Motion passed.
6. **New Business**
   * + Quote on new vented container with preinstalled shelving- container would be shipped from California. The quote is $13,884 (includes shipping). Brendan will get 2 more quotes for comparison.
       - Discussion: Due to the lack of integrity of current (old) containers, constant exposure to the elements (including moisture) has ruined REC sports equipment. Since a large amount of new equipment has been purchased, it is necessary to preserve it.
     + Sarah is obtaining quotes on a new batting cage for the softball field.
7. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:30 PM
8. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:50 PM