

Readfield Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2024 – **Approved**

Attendees:

- Sean Keegan - Selectman
- David Linton - Selectman
- Tom Labrie
- Greg Leimbach
- Amy Therrien
- Jennifer Worthing
- Hannah Flannery
- Jeff Carlson
- Matt Lajoie

Agenda:

- Recreation Director - Sean Keegan to outline a request to create a paid position for coordinating town activities.
- Questions are:
  - What work are we doing as part of recreation?
  - What work are we not getting done?
  - Feedback is below:
    - Different points of contact make it difficult to coordinate.
    - Having someone take the activities and coordinating the efforts and help ensure that we're able to consistently.
    - Be able to publicize
    - Rec has expanded to be RSU 38: Including towns (Manchester, Wayne, Mt. Vernon, Readfield and Fayette).
    - Basketball and Soccer are blended town teams. Baseball still is not.
    - Representation from each town. <- Separate from
    - Include Water Safety Program, swimming lessons.
    - Summer rec
    - Coordinate afterschool program
    - Basketball: About 150 kids.
      - Hard to find people with skills and drills
      - Coordinating practice, gym and game scheduled, cancellations. Ensuring they are working with the schools. Custodians get paid from 10-5pm, but don't do anything until the end of the day.
      - Can't start until 6:15
      - Order jersey's
    - Matt Lajoie reviewed the following: [Rec Responsibilities](#)
- Fair grounds discussion (recap of meeting on 1/17/2024).
- Potentially use any surplus from basketball to give a gift to the coaches ( polo?). If there are enough funds to thank the coaches for their time and efforts. First: Matt L, Jeff Seconded.

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- Budget review the following document: [Rec Budget](#)
- Discussed: Increasing participation fee for baseball.
  - Majors/Minors: 75
  - Rookie/Rookie AA: 60
  - T-Ball: 35
- Looking to defray the costs with sponsorships. To help with the costs of shirts and provide scholarships.
- Softball: For Majors we're losing kids to augusta. Discussed ways to address this to keep the kids more local.
  - Identify available fields: Mt. Vernon, Manchester (readfield is not a viable field).
- Sign-ups open for 1/22/2024 for baseball and softball.
- Field Clean-up day: 4/13 with a rain date of 4/20. Flier to be created.
- Evaluation day: 3/9 OR 3/16
- Next meeting: 2/13