



Marlton Recreation Council

Recreation Council of Evesham Township, Inc. a 501(c)3 Organization

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Members of the Marlton Recreation Council:

I wanted to take a few moments and share some information about the organization with you. Over the next few weeks, I wanted to share the state of various parts of the MRC with you. It is important that each of our players, parents, and families understand the organization and how it functions so that we can remain a healthy, viable organization and continue to provide all of the youth sports that you have come to enjoy.

This week we will discuss our ORGANIZATION, FINANCES, and RELATIONSHIPS.

ORGANIZATION

The Recreation Council of Evesham Township, Inc. d/b/a Marlton Recreation Council of Evesham (MRC) was incorporated in 1958 and began with the administration of four primary sports. We are a non-profit 501c3 organization that administers sixteen (16) sports in both a recreation, and tournament/travel settings. We have around 6,000 sport registrations annually, with about 4,000 of them being unique registrations. By way of comparison, the average number of athletes per Division I school is 500.

The MRC Executive Board oversees the entire organization to ensure sports are well-run, and consistent with our mission of providing organized sports and promoting sportsmanship for Evesham Township. Each of our 16 sports are overseen on a day-to-day basis by a volunteer Sports Commissioner and their respective sport boards.

In the fall of 2022, the MRC Executive Board hired an Executive Director, Ms. Mandy Skalski, to work alongside our Administrative Assistant, Ms. Kelly Damiani, in ensuring that the daily administration of the MRC community receives full-time attention. This full-time attention is necessary for the size of our organization. The Executive Director reports to the President and Executive Board, who interacts directly with our sports commissioners and families daily. The Executive Director and Administrative Assistant can be reached at the MRC Office in the Evesham Township Municipal Complex.

The organization's bylaws and policies are on our website and can be accessed at www.marltonreccouncil.org. Here you can find the guiding documents that provide the framework for organizational success. In addition to these documents, each sport may have companion documents governing their respective sports. The meeting schedule is also posted on our homepage.

FINANCES

Financially, the MRC is on solid ground. Updated policies and procedures, along with services from a contracted accountant, have ensured our financial recordkeeping is up to date. Our last three audits have been comprehensive and have been returned with minor recommendations and no deficiencies noted.

RELATIONSHIPS

The MRC acts as a *vendor* for Evesham Township and our vendor relationship is to ensure that youth sports are offered to Evesham Township residents and surrounding communities. We administer youth sports for Evesham Township in exchange for the township granting us permits and priority field usage. This partnership has allowed Evesham Township and the MRC to provide great facilities for all of our athletes. We also enjoy a great relationship with Lenape Regional School District for use of the Cherokee Facilities and the Evesham Township School District for use of their facilities. The MRC owns one physical location, 15 Oak Avenue, where the MRC Clubhouse and Kessler baseball field are located. Thus, without maintaining a great working relationship with the partners above, we would not be able to offer access to sixteen sports.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM at 15 Oak Avenue. In addition to the regular business meeting, the 2023 MRC Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized.

Thank you for your support of the MRC and trusting our organization to provide youth sports for your children. If there is anything that I, the Executive Board, or the administrative staff can do for you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,



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