

## Rec Council Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2015

Attendees: Jill K, Kris, Karin, Kristin, Jill C

Approved November meeting minutes

Status of Council Members - Jill is going to touch base with council members to see if they are still active and will discuss at next meeting if Rec Council needs to recruit 1 or 2 new members.

Hula Hoop Mud Season Offering - Met with Julie Monroe about the possibility of offering a hula hoop class for grades 2-4 during mud season. Jill will explore further, check references and will report back at next meeting.

Skating Rink Photo - Photo will be of skating rink this year-will not be postponed. Rink looks great right now with snow in background on the green. Jill and others trying to get a good photo of skaters on the rink on a sunny day.

Tracy Hall - Walls painted 'Norwich Blue' and floors are going to be redone. If possible, Jill K would like an N in a star painted in the middle of the floor.

Pool Committee - A new committee has been formed by Terry McDonnell to address how to best approach the Norwich Pool application to the ANR. Kris and Laura have been asked to sit on this committee from the Rec Council.

Skating Party - Skating party is scheduled for January 23 from 3:30-5. Kristin will bring a firepit. Jill K will bring hot chocolate, donated by the Norwich Inn, and cups.

Eagle Scout Project - Connor has decided to do a different project and thus will not be doing the fitness trail at Huntley Meadow.

Lions Club Grant - Mr. Bill does not want the outdoor basketball hoops to be lowered at MCS. Need to decide if we still want to apply for the grant to get new backboards/nets for the 2 outdoor courts. Decision tabled until next meeting.

Other Grants - (PTO Grant or Women's Club Grant). The liner on the skating rink will need to be replaced for next winter. Should we apply for a grant to cover the cost? Also, is there any interest in buying a larger liner and making the rink larger to accommodate both hockey and free skating a little easier? Discussion tabled until next meeting.

Baseball - 3/4 potentially leaving Cal Ripkin league and joining Upper Valley Baseball League. Cal Ripkin is expensive and does not allow the flexibility that UV Baseball league offers. However, if kids don't play in the spring Cal Ripkin league they can't play in the summer league. Should we move 5/6 as well for consistency? Council members said they would defer to what the baseball coaches thought was the right move for the kids in Norwich. Jill will talk to the coaches again and make a decision.

Survey- Discussed some of the results from the 'intercept survey'. Next step is to use these results to craft a survey to be sent to the greater community to gather feedback about customer satisfaction and priorities going forward in the short and long term. Needs to be done in a smaller group and not at a monthly meeting. Karin and Reese have both voiced interest in helping craft the survey questions and Jill K will try to meet with them to move forward on this. Goal is to have draft questions in 2 months (March meeting).

One issue brought up by 'intercept survey' results was the timing and layout of the brochures. Taking both of these projects on at once would be impossible for Jill K given how busy she is. Decided that we could try to address the timing of when the brochure comes out first. Difficult for Jill K to get the brochures out much earlier given that she wants to have a coach assigned to each sport before the brochure comes out - and that practice times revolve around Coach availability. Decided that at the next meeting we should discuss how to best adjust timing of the brochure.

Dog Signs - Council looked at the wording for the dog signs that will go up at trailheads and at Huntley Meadow. Some wording changes were proposed that Jill K will take back to the Town Manager.

Huntley Meadow Parking - Question raised as to the status of Huntley Meadow field usage this spring and how will it impact parking? Jill is unsure about Lightening Soccer's plan for the spring. May know more by the next meeting.

Next Meeting- February 11

Preliminary Topics for Feb Meeting:

1. Status of Council Members
2. Hula Hoop follow up
3. Lions Club Grant- basketball backboards
4. Grant for skating rink liner, size of liner
5. Timing of the Rec Brochure
6. Spring Sports--status of lightening soccer at Huntley

Carry Over Agenda Items from Previous Meetings:

1. Gender Separation in K-2 sports
2. Middle School Athletics