

Norwich Recreation Council Minutes - September 6, 2016

Present: Jill Kearney Niles, Gered Dunne, Kristin Fauci, Chris Clapp, Page Tompkins, Ryan Gardner, Laura Duncan, John Girard, Jill Collins, Amy Tuller

Minutes from August 2nd reviewed and approved

Labor Day Road Race: 188 entries. 60 females, 85 males in 2 mile. 17 women, 26 men in 10K. Excellent turn out. Jill sent out follow up letter to sponsors. Might not need as many bagels and cream cheese for next year. Watermelon was gone. Coffee cake went well. Finish line went smoothly. Jim Walsh suggested starting race at 9am instead of 10am- cooler, less traffic. Next year need to remind runners to stay in lane facing traffic. Gered suggests getting a real chalk gun for marking. Chris suggests having entertainment for kids for after 2 mile race, so that awards for both races can be done at same time, as most people leave before 10K race awards. Gered suggests starting 10K runners before 2 mi. Jill hesitates to do this, as it will be confusing for the finish staff.

Fall Sports: Good feedback from parents so far. Kids seem to really like the coaches. First home soccer game tomorrow. Large group of 5/6th graders. Jill will try to get more games lined up so that kids will get more playing time. Discussed ways to get more coaches to volunteer. Mountain Biking is full with 12 kids. Wait list of 8. Jane LeMasurier has a girl to help her with the program. They got approval to use Milton Frye Rec area for this program. Hopefully, this will work well and will help to open the trails for future use.

May be able to add a second session next year, and have 2 age groups.

Chris discussed field hockey. Hanover offers field hockey program starting with 5/6th grade. It is a big investment to do this. Specific goals, field lining, equipment, etc. Norwich kids can do the Hanover program if they are interested.

Basketball begins Nov 1st. May have large 5/6th grade group. May need 2 teams. Jill will look at numbers.

Halloween: Jill will talk to Beth about having Youth in Action help. Haunted house will start at 4:45 right after Norwich Inn celebration. Fire Dept will have hot dogs again.

Pool Committee: Gered is working with the committee. Meets every 2 weeks. Community Forum next week Tuesday, Sept 13th 7pm in Multipurpose Room at Tracy Hall. They put out a questionnaire on the list serve asking people where they like to swim.

Vermont Conference on Recreation: Laura is going on Wednesday. Jill will attend on Thursday. Becca will go to the programs on Thursday afternoon.

Pump Track: Location will be behind the softball field. In the woods behind the scrub, and in front of the path. Consultant from Burlington coming on the 11th to give an estimate. Graham Webster will bring in excavator. Dirt will be brought in. No permit is needed, as we won't be

changing the land, not cutting trees, etc. Conservation Commission has been notified. Gered will let Bernard know, also.

This project will not cost the town anything, as grant money will be used.

We will need a sign that describes the track and rules of use. This track will be more of an intermediate level track. Will be useful for kids to use while siblings are playing sports. **Action alert:** Kristin will forward photo of sign example to Jill for wording for sign.

Trails tour: Saturday September 10th: 8am on Parcel 5. There will be a short and long run, 5K hike, and short and long bike ride. **Action alert:** Gered will post on Upper Valley Trail Runner page and list serves.

Climbing: Page is still interested and will discuss more details with Jill later this fall.

Question from Jill Collins: Who is in charge of rink this year? A huge thank-you to Kristin Brown and Stuart Close who will be Coordinating the rink and "The Hosers"

New Business for next month's agenda:

Gered requests disc golf

Laura: After school programming/library

Page: Climbing

Laura: Basketball

Gered: Pool Committee report

Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 4th, 7pm - Tracy Hall Conference Room