

Present: Jill Kearney, Jill Collins, Chris Clapp, Kristin Fauci, Rebecca Matteo, Page Tompkins, Ryan Gardner, John Girard & Amy Tuller

Minutes from Last Meeting (1/10/17): Approved

Norwich Pool: Jane Phipps – talked with Jill for quite a while – Jane was hoping to rally the Recreation Council to raise more money to generate plans, but we are awaiting permits. New Select Board will likely select the new Pool Committee. New Town Manager expected May 1st.

Norwich Recreation Council Members: Thank you Jill Collins for agreeing to serve another term. Sadly, Laura’s term ends at the end of March. (*Insert sad face.*) John has an addiction to his grandchildren – but plans to continue to be the wonderful member he’s been. (*Insert happy face.*)

Meeting schedule is open to move if members find 1st Tuesday of the month to be difficult.

Secretary: Amy Tuller – motion by Jill, second by Kristin – unanimous in favor. (*Yeah!*)

President: Jill Collins – motion by Jill K., second by Chris – unanimous in favor. (*Woo Hoo*)

Vice President: Ryan – motion by Chris, second by Jill – unanimous in favor. (*Ryan is very happy & Chris will be his back-up Man*)

New Member: Discussion followed as to who we should approach about joining the Council to fill Laura's spot. All new terms are for 3 years. The Council came up with a list of four wonderful potential candidates. Jill KN will follow up.

Skating Party: Thank you!! Huge success. Very well attended.

To consider: helmets, should they be mandatory moving forward? Difficult to enforce – in the past we required it but struggled to enforce with older kids. So, this year we “strongly recommended” helmets. If it’s a rule at school, it should be in general (Kristin). For our 2018 skating party - **Helmets required for students.** Make an effort to announce this, in particular for Marion Cross students. MC is expecting to get some helmets for kids to use.

Mud Season Programs: GOTR begins at the end of March, as does Heart & Sole. There may be 1 or 2 spots left for GOTR – with our extra coaches, we can accept ~25 girls. Heart & Sole only has a handful of registrants – Jill sent a blitz over to the middle school and a few others to try to recruit more. Registration going well otherwise.

Spring Programs / Coach Ideas: Preview is out – great range of activity. Go fencing! Biking and 3 running programs as well as team sports – Jill KN is working to work schedules such that kids can participate in multiple activities.

Can we get a kindergarten lacrosse program? Thoughts about a coach ... hmm ... and suggestion to have some of the high school kids to help coach. We are considering a Saturday morning program. Also thoughts about a late season casual jamboree to have some interaction with Hanover 1st & 2nd grade Lacrosse teams for some fun game practice – will see how participation comes together regarding numbers on both sides of the river.

Coaches AED Training: Matt and Madonna did a fantastic job. Jill KN, Kristin, and Becca attended. Madonna would like to offer a second training but will be organizing it on her own. Jill C and Chris are interested and will reach out to Madonna directly. Jill KN gave Matt & Madonna a little thank you.

Chris asked if we should consider requiring coaches to carry an AED to away games Jill K N. noted that we hope the locations have one present. The UVRA will be including AED locations in our directions to gyms & fields, so perhaps we just need to make sure coaches know where they are on the fields & near the gyms.

Sachem Field & Thompson Terrace in Hanover... Chris commented that one should be there! Jill KN will contact John Sherman and mention it. Let's get everyone on board!

Snowmobile: Gered and Jill C. will be our new x-games snowmobile athletes! They went through orientation, and are waiting with bated breath for the snow to fall so they can play with it.

Old Business? Nope

New Business? Jill C. brought a Valley News clip about recreation grants – should we consider planning / brainstorming to find money for Rec Council projects.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4th. 7 pm in Tracy Hall Conference Room