

Norwich Recreation Council Meeting 10/3/17

Present: Jill Kearney, Jill Collins, Ryan Gardner, Page Tompkins, Kristin Pontecorvo, Gered Dunne, Bill Tine, Rob Johnson, John Girard, Chris Clapp

Meeting started with introduction of guests and all Council member.

Baseball

Visitors: Lance Chambers, John Lobb, Rob Snyder, Nathan Maxwell & John Michael Taylor
Overview of rules and current state in local area (VT/NH). John Lobb will be the contact.
Summary of both the UVRA and Cal Ripken leagues was provided.

UVRA (Norwich, Lyme, Woodstock, Windsor, Hartford)

- Difficulty with level of commitment amongst all towns

Cal Ripken

- Lebanon (own league)
- Dresden (Hanover, Norwich, Lyme)
- Central Vermont (Rochester, Randolph, Bethel, S. Royalton, Sharon, Thetford, Barnard, etc. – 10 towns)
 - T-ball 5-7
 - Rookie league 6-8
 - Minors 8-10 (3rd/4th)
 - Majors 10-12 (5th/6th)
 - East and West minor league (CR – rule is split leagues with 10+ teams)
- Rules start with CR rules, but each league has some of their own rules as well
- CR Fees
 - Charter = \$15-\$20/team
 - Insurance = \$70-\$120/team
 - State fee = Our share ~\$40/Town
 - Allstar fee = Our share ~\$40/town

Goals of the meeting include 1) Keep kids together (town identity – Norwich); Gain Rec Council support; Desire to play local towns.

Discussion on baseball will be held at November council meeting. John, Jill, Jill, Ryan, and Bill to schedule a meeting in between.

Nordic Skiing: Jenna Barba unable to attend in Oct. Will attend in November.

- Member of NENSA (New England Nordic Skiing Association)
- NENSA may have some direction
- Jenna would like to participate and help get this off the ground, suggesting this program, but may not want to lead and teach.

Halloween Celebration: Rob Johnson to pick up doughnut holes.

Bike Trail

Name – Gnarvana

Signs to be at kiosk and entrances.

More signage needed.

Potential for fence or bushes to help keep kids in the right place (on the trail).

Kiosk can be used for more information about Huntley Meadow (ie booking the pavilion).

Basketball: Looking for 2nd grade co-ed coach. 5/6 grade boys coach (Brian Lucas); John Girard will take a 2nd team if needed. Discussion about 4th grade son playing on 5th/6th team to enable Brian to coach both his sons. Jill will discuss with ¾ coach to ensure its ok with them.

Old Business

Lax backboard: can it be moved to accommodate more room? Ideal location is next to bench next to Tennis court (facing parking lot) – close to the porta potty.

Old soccer goals and softball backstop: can these be removed? Salvaged? Disposed of? Soccer goals may be Lightning property. Jill N will follow up with Lightning.

Survey

- Sports SI doesn't offer survey tool
- Survey Monkey is free under 100 responses, up to 10 questions
- Where is the data/information going?
 - How are people feeling about communication
 - Positive experience?
 - Field Maintenance?
 - Open questions to allow for examples of good and bad
 - Are there any things the coach did that you felt really helped create an amazing experience?
- What's it going to be used for?

John provided some example survey questions. Discussion about purpose and use of the survey.

Action Items

John G will email council his thoughts on baseball decision.

John and Jill will work on survey questions.

Jill N will post reminder about dog handling at Huntley Meadows on the Norwich List Serve.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 7 in the Tracy Hall Conference Room.