

Norwich Recreation Council - Minutes

April 3rd, 7 pm, Tracey Hall

Attending: Rob Johnson, Bill Tine, Christy Pearce, Sarah Martin, Kristin Fauci, Jill Niles, Page Tomkins, Amy Tuller, Gered Dunne

1. Introductions of new Council Members

-welcome to Christy Pearce and Sarah Martin. the council is excited and looks forward to their long and fruitful tenure.

-team building exercises ensued. the established membership took turns at introduction, sharing interesting details of their past lives before rec council, and, one might speculate from the scope of adventures, before children. highlights include learning that Rob's infamous side volley was acquired thanks to direct tutelage by none other than Pele himself, and that Page remains an ardent PETA supporter, despite once being pursued hotly by an aggressive hippopotamus, outside the confines of routine zoologic study. the membership discussed if perhaps their unique skills were misappropriated, with them not coaching boys running and Challenger soccer.

-we learned a bit about Christy and Sarah too! Christy is a mother of two and excited to join the coaching ranks of Norwich's finest volunteers. She has an interest in lacrosse and a dream of bringing field hockey to Huntley Meadow, a sport she loves and played fervently at Boston College. Sarah, similarly, is a big time lacrosse, basketball and field hockey nut, having played at Middlebury and coached at Dartmouth. The Council looks to Sarah for wisdom and guidance in better defining the sphere, whether it be oblate, prolate, or simply a fluid object at the open-ended discretion of the referee.

2. Approval of minutes from March. Aye, Huzzah, etc.

3. CRASE course - Page, Sara, Rob, and Christy will attend the April CRASE course offered by Norwich PD. CRASE is an active shooter response training protocol with not ties whatsoever to the NRA.

4. Fall coed cross country programming - Wayne Norse has agreed to coach upcoming running program for 3rd & 4th Grade students next autumn in Norwich. Excellent, Wayne. Thank you.

5. Touch a Truck will be held May 23rd. Christy, Kristin, Sarah, Amy, and Kristin again will be in attendance to help monitor fire hoses and do helmet checks and make sure the wonderful King Arthur Flour cookies are evenly distributed to children of all grades and blood sugar levels.

6. No new business

7. Old business: dog poop at Huntley meadow. It has come to the councils attention that there are literally 10 Homer buckets of dog poop left uncollected from winter dog walkers at the meadow. The Council will continue trying to figure out how to get dog owners to pick up after their pets at the meadow without having to restrict dog access. This would be a shame, really. Perhaps a community group would be willing to help collect the dog poop each spring, and dog walkers could keep a closer eye on their pets?

Approval of minutes from March: Aye and Yay