

Norwich Recreation Council

Minutes – Tuesday December 10, 2019

Present: B. Swenson (Rec Director), R. Johnson, R. Gardner (President), S. Gaughan, S. Martin, B. Tine, C. Girard

Absent: D. Bartlett, K. Fauci, J. Collins.

1. **Review of November Minutes.** Ryan Gardner moved to approve the minutes. Sarah Martin seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Update Friends of Hanover Lacrosse meeting.**
  - Meeting held to discuss proposal to combine 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Hanover and Norwich Lacrosse programs.
  - Hanover felt their #'s were too low. Only have 3 to 4 years of data to go off of.
  - Discussed that there was no existing plan in place to combine the teams.
  - To get numbers up discussed getting more parents coaching. Holding coaching clinics.
  - Steve mentioned exploring to see if there is a lacrosse coaching app available to help new coaches. The Hockey coaching app is excellent.
  - Brie suggested combining some practices between the towns.
  - Combining teams is on hold for now. Brie planning another meeting with Hanover.
3. **Summer Camps**
  - Goal to opening camp registration by end of January
  - Circus camp will be replaced by Theatre camp. Camp to run 2 weeks. Jen Langhus to run the camp.
4. **Reviewed proposed budget.**
5. **Winter Programs:**
  - Babysitter course. Full. (18 signed up)
  - Basketball: Large numbers for boys (1/2<sup>nd</sup> 14, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 29, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 26), increasing, but still low numbers for girls (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> 5, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 12, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 12). Discussed how to get the girls numbers up. Get more parents involved. Both at coaching level and recruiting.
  - Discussed scheduling of gym for boys and girls. Making sure that despite the large number of boys, making sure the girl's practices are not moved to accommodate the boys.
  - Pickleball: 28 signed up!! Cathy said that their open house was a contributing factor to the large numbers.
  - Fencing (19): Has seen an increase in kids participating.
  - Creative kids (5). Open Art. Mondays.
  - Handmade Holidays (17). Very popular.

Tracy Hall: Brie mentioned that Tracy Hall is always open for free gym time when not reserved.

6. Appointed Ryan to Shed Subcommittee. Shed used to store rec supplies. Rec has been receiving a lot of donations. Ryan will work to organize the shed at Huntley.
  
7. Ice Rink:
  - Potential Skating Party Date set for January 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussed putting up a bumper dividing the rink. One side for big kids and another for the young skaters.
  - Helmet requirement: Brie to highly encourage wearing helmets in the winter flyer. Discussed asking cadets to help enforce use of helmets at the skating party
  - Norwich Creamery to provide Hot Chocolate again!
  
8. Huntley Fields Grooming: All set. Volunteers in place. Discussed grooming a loop for the dog walkers. Idea of informing community when it is freshly groomed so town can enjoy the trails.
9. New Business/Old Business: None
10. Ryan Gardner motioned to adjourn. Brie Swenson seconded. Motion passed unanimously and was adjourned at 8:15.