

Norwich Rec Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday February 4th, 2020

Present: Rob Johnson, Dave Bartlett, Sarah Martin, Cathy Girard, Bill Tine, Ryan Gardner, Kristin Fauci, Brie Swenson and Guest Nick Krembs from the Norwich Trails Committee

Dave Bartlett moved to approve minutes from January meeting, Bill Tine seconded.

1) Nick Krembs from the Norwich Trails Committee spoke to the group, regarding the committee seeking town approval to replace the bridge over the Charles Brown Brook, which connects two trail networks: Parcel 5 on Beaver Meadow Rd and the Ballard Trail. Town support is needed on March 3rd.

2) Brie gave an update on the Vermont Prevention (MAHHC) grant programs: 2/14 Kids Night Out..with the help of Youth in Action kids can come to Tracy Hall for a fun evening of games
2/29 Winter Fest event: skiing, skating, hiking, snowshoeing and potluck

3) Brie presented the tentative schedule for mud season sports. Coaches are needed in order to make these gatherings possible: 1st/2nd grade intro to spring team sports: baseball/lacrosse, 3rd-6th grade indoor baseball co-ed, 4th-6th grade boys lacrosse and 3rd-6th grade girls lacrosse. Girls on the Run: scheduled to start March 23rd-May 29th. Meets Mondays and Fridays 3:30-5pm for girls in grades 3-5.

There are many adult programs scheduled for the spring

4) Brie reported the new recreation department website is up and running

5) The council discussed lack of positive sportsmanship being displayed by the 3rd-6th grade basketball teams this winter. It was mentioned that this is an issue across the board with many other sports teams. A "Code of Conduct" is being drafted for our coaches, athletes and parents to read and adhere. This will be discussed with coaches and families at the start of mud season and spring sports.