

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting January 7th, 2015

Members Present:

B. Burton, S. Barnes
J. Eddy, J. Drelich, D. Elwood
K. McCumber, K. Thompson

Also Present:

R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting was held at the Ice Skating Facility. Meeting call to order at 7:19 PM

Pizza and drinks were furnished for the 2015 organizational meeting

2015 election of board officers: H. Graves had made an absentee nomination for S. Barnes to be 2015 Board Chairperson, Seconded by B. Burton. There were no other nominations, ayes were all. J. Eddy motioned for B. Burton to be 2015 Board Vice-Chairperson, seconded by K. Thompson, no other nominations were made, and ayes were all.

December 2014 meeting minutes: J. Drelich motioned to accept the December 2014 meeting minutes, seconded by S. Barnes, minutes were accepted.

Winter 2015 Programs: Program totals as of the meeting date were supplied (178 total).

Volleyball 26	Wrestling 49	Baseball 11	Softball 16
Plaza Lanes 16	Dance 26	Elks Fall 17	Elks Winter 17

J. Wysor stated that all programs were now in progress. Volleyball has continued to grow and tonight the gymnasium was a busy place. Volleyball was moved to Wednesday nights from Thursdays due to a facility use conflict. A second dance class has been created to accommodate the extra youth with interest.

More registrations will be taken at the program sites and we should easily surpass 2014's total of 198.

2014 recreation totals: Totals for all 2014 programs were given to board members (898 Total)

Summer total of 699 (98 more than in 2013)

Dance	30	Playgrounds (2)	57	Swim Team	27	Tennis (3)	61
Soccer (2)	61	Pickle Ball (2)	17	Swim Lessons	234	Trips (5)	212

Winter total 199 (12 more than in 2013)

Baseball	23	Bowling (2)	21	Dance	25	Elks Bowling (2)	34
Softball	33	Volleyball	12	Wrestling	51		

Total 898 (girls 460, boys 438)

Interest and participation in Youth Bureau programs and activities continue to grow.

Skating Facility: The facility has opened and was busy, as witnessed by the board members. Staffing is currently a problem, but it is being addressed by the Youth Bureau Director and Human Resources. The ice rink will be open daily as weather permits. Hours are 4:30 weekdays until 9:00 PM and 12:00 noon – 9:00 PM on weekends, holidays

and school vacations. The rink will be opened during the week in the afternoon by groups upon request. DPW/Parks workers have been working hard, under extreme cold to prepare the facility.

There was discussion about an annual community ice skating party. Typically this has been held the first weekend in February (Super Bowl Weekend). Several hundred people normally attend the event which lasts about two hours. Free food, drinks, and door prizes are supplied along with a DJ Service. After some discussion the board decided to try for Sunday February 1st, with a weather delay date of February 8th. Partial sponsorship of the party has been obtained from Rita's 2014 Earth Day Celebration. An additional sponsor is being sought. J. Eddy and D. Elwood requested letters seeking support for the event as they may know possible sources. R. Mason will supply letters as requested.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday February 4th, 2015 at 7:00 in the City Hall meeting room.