

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting February 2, 2022

Board Members

Present: **K Hazen**
 J. Eddy
 J. Drelich
 M. Telesky
 H. Graves
 K. Thompson
 B. Burton

Absent:
P. Marks
G. Telesky
S. Whaley

Also: **A. Testani**
 S. Stewart

Meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Motion was made to accept the December's and January's meeting minutes by H. Graves, second by M. Telesky. All approved.

New Business: M. Telesky gave an overview of the wrestling program. Wrestling had sixty kids register for the program, with approximately forty still actively participating. On average about twenty wrestlers are participating in weekend tournaments. Norwich hosted their annual tournament on 1/30 with 318 wrestlers signed up and over 1,000 in attendance. Our Pee Wee program had twenty-one kids take part with seven taking first places.

The Norwich Oxford Little League is leaning towards a pay to volunteer for parents. Parents would pay a fee for the child to play. If they volunteer as an umpire or at the concession stand, they will receive a refund of their fee. My fear is that some parents cannot afford the fee, and this would prevent some kids from playing baseball this spring. My thought was we could hire 2 to 4 umpires from the YB budget, helping to keep some kids playing. The boards general concern was the verbal abuse our umpires would take and the number of hours required. It was decided to invite the president of Little League to our next board meeting prior to making any decision.

Kurt Beyer Pool concession stand – B. Burton made a motion to investigate what it would take to open a concession stand at KBP. H. Graves second the motion. It was discussed that the concession stand would be drinks only for the first summer. It would not require an attendant but would use a lifeguard rotating off duty. The motion was passed.

Colonia Theatre Movie – The YB President Day will be February 21 at 2:00 PM. The movie will be either Dog or Rumble depending on availability. The city has a grant that will be used to cover the cost of the movie. Usually, the YB covers this expense through donations. B. Burton made a motion to include a small popcorn from the YB. The motion seconded by H. Graves and passed by all.

Director's Activities: A. Testani discussed a change in billing to the townships the YB contracts with. The annual fee will be based on participation levels going forward. A letter was sent to the town supervisors explaining the new billing format.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

The next Youth Board will be Wednesday March 2nd, at 6:30 pm in the City Hall meeting room.