

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting February 1st, 2012

Present: T. Strachman
B Burton
J. Drelich
J. Williams
C. Sastri
T. Burton

Also: R. Mason
J. Wysor
J. Zieno
N. Mooney

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM By Vice Chair B. Burton

Guests: Nicholas Mooney and James Zieno were present and interested in joining the Youth Board as Youth/Student members. Interest has also been received from Robert Jeffrey (Student) and Jill Eddy (Adult). Information concerning Youth Board Membership has been forwarded to them. Application for appointment has been received from J. Zieno and N. Mooney and has been forwarded to Mayor Maiurano.

January Minutes: J. Drelich motioned to accept the January 2012 minutes, seconded by C. Sastri, minutes were accepted as written.

Winter Programs: J. Wysor reported all winter 2012 programs were running and numbers were below 2011 levels for unknown reasons. R. Mason stated that although levels were down from 2011 they were still above prior years and in general numbers have increased yearly. There are 206 enrollments in winter programs at this time,

B. Burton has talked with Tim Scheer (wrestling coach) about attending a youth board meeting when his season concludes. Tim is willing to attend to discuss simplifying the registration process. There are nearly 100 wrestlers in his program this year. The program is running very well and three tournaments have been attended with Norwich wrestlers winning all three. This is having a large impact on the Norwich varsity program.

Skating Facility: R. Mason stated that Mother Nature has been unusually hard on the ice this year with above normal temperatures. Recent vandalism at the ice rink added to the difficulty in keeping it open. During January the ice rink was only open 6 days, but had 520 skaters during that time. It is a popular place when up and running.

Two new hockey goals have been purchased totaling near \$700 delivered. These replace that very old goals that were welded locally and replacement nets were not available. A \$200 cash donation was received for the goal purchase.

Binghamton Senators: About 38 tickets have been sold for the 2/17 Binghamton Senators game. Another 50 tickets have been obtained and are available. Tickets are available at the Youth Bureau office or through Youth Board members. They are \$15 each and proceeds will help benefit the Youth Bureau and ice rink. Volunteers are needed to assist on game night at the Binghamton Arena to raffle off autographed Binghamton Senators items. Youth and/or adults are needed and should contact R. Mason in the Youth Bureau office if able to help.

Eight hockey sticks were donated to the ice rink by the Binghamton Senators along with 30 hockey pucks. The sticks are high quality Reebok, six of which have the player names on them. After discussion by the board J. Drelich motioned to make the sticks available for sale for \$50 apiece. T. Strachman made a second to the motion and all were in favor. Proceeds will then go towards the purchase of other hockey sticks more suitable for use at the rink.

Community Skate Party: The Youth Bureau normally has a community skate party at the ice rink during the winter. With the warm winter this year it has so far not been possible. Being that there will not be another youth board meeting until March, R. Mason will plan an event when the conditions might permit. Funds for the event are available to provide food, drinks, door prizes and a D.J. service. The event will be funded in part from Beadle's 2011 Earth Day Celebration. The Binghamton Senators mascot may be available for the event.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM

The next regular meeting of the City of Norwich Youth Board will be Wednesday March 7th, 2012 7:00 PM at the City Hall conference room.