

City of Norwich Youth Board Meeting March 7th, 2012

Present: T. Strachman, H. Graves, T. Burton
B. Burton, J. Zieno, J. Eddy

Also: R. Mason
J. Wysor

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

February Minutes: February 2012 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

Winter Programs: J. Wysor reported most all winter 2012 programs had concluded. Coach Scheer will be wrapping up junior wrestling this week. The wrestlers had their home tournament last weekend. Introduction to dance instruction will run two more weeks due to winter related cancellations.

Winter program registrations totaled 216 which are below 2011, but still more than some prior years. Totals may slightly increase when instructors turn in their program books at the Youth Bureau office.

Coach Scheer will attend the March meeting to discuss was to simplify next year's registration process. There could also be discussion at that meeting regarding fund raising with the sponsorship of a Youth Bureau tournament.

B. Burton asked if we would repeat winter programs in 2013 and if the soccer program would be reconsidered. J. Wysor said we would try to run all programs. Soccer was dropped this year because of increased facility costs and duplication of programming with the YMCA.

Binghamton Senators: R. Mason thanked the members that were able to assist with the Binghamton Senators ticket sales and help at the Arena with the raffles. Nearly \$500 was realized for the Youth Bureau and skating rink through the sale of game tickets and raffle of autographed Binghamton Senators items. Two more hockey sticks are available in the office so the final total will easily surpass \$500. Board members noted that it was one of the worst Senators games in a long time, but they did triumph the next evening with a 6-1 win.

Skating Facility: R. Mason reported the rink was open 6 days in January with 520 skaters. Several times it was close to reopening due to the efforts of DPW workers, but it would once again warm and melt.

Kurt Beyer Pool: Board members inquired about the status of repairs for Kurt Beyer pool. R. Mason stated needed repairs have been approved by the City Council and the facility should be open at or near regular opening time. Awards from three local foundations were received to assist in needed repairs.

Summer Program Planning: Summer program planning is underway. State funding has once again been reduced and stricter guidelines put in place as to what funding can be used for. R. Mason noted that available funding would be directed into our playground program. He recommended two playground sites be maintained.

Summer Trips: Application for funding for summer trips has been made. Board members were given lists of prior youth bureau summer trips. Trips supported through the grant would have to be educational in nature. Board members will consider possible destinations and offer suggestions at the April meeting. A sponsor for a just fun trip is also being sought.

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 April 4th, 2012 at the City Hall conference room.