



NORWICH ICE RINK AUTHORITY MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Authority Attendance: Mike Goldblatt, Doug Barlow, Rich Wolak, and Mike Schermerhorn

Absent: Cheryl Ritacco

Guest: Jim Sanca, Mia Sanca, Mike Arnone, and Paul Santamaria

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by Michael Goldblatt at 6:13 pm, a quorum was present. Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. It was noted that in the last month's minutes that several symmetrical club members had left to skate at Bolton but it did not say that they had returned to the rink after a short absence. The January minutes did not mention that Judy Deglin had turned in her resignation to the authority and we should pursue another member for the authority. It also did not mention that there was a public comment last month in the form of a letter from Claude Hammerton. Mike Goldblatt had received the letter, responded back to Claude and had copied us on it.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Correspondence

There was no correspondence

Reports

Manager Jim Sanca reported on the following:

- Jim stated that the month of January had been good financially for the rink and that the learn to skate program in both Norwich and Connecticut College currently had 415 students. There now is a free tot class (2 to 5 year olds) on Thursdays that has 15 enrolled. The new session will begin February 28th.
- Events for the month included "National Skating Month in January" which included NFSC, NSS, and LTS. SECYH hosted a hockey day in America on January 30th.
- Dorothy's Journey through Oz Ice Show will be held on March 19th and 20th. At this time the 19th show is almost sold out.
- Ice time has been donated to the ELL and Spanish club of NFA on March 15th.

- Ice time has also been donated to the Norwich Police Department for a group of officers to practice their hockey skills.
- The Special Olympics had ice donated to them on 2/18/2010 for their final competition. Schools that were involved were Griswold, NFA and RHAM.
- With the Olympics in full swing, there is renewed interest in curling. Each rock costs about \$1000.00 but much less if purchased used. A summer league was discussed.
- A gentleman from Indiana has contacted Jim Sanca about purchasing ice time from the rink for a Junior B team. They would be a part of America East Hockey and would be interested in renting ice at 6 am. Jim will be following up.

BUDGET

- A drop in the natural gas expense has been obvious. This is mainly due to less heat in the rink.
- Budget wise, January of 2010 has been the best month in many years.
- Renewed interest and effort in the learn to skate program is hoped to propel young skaters in to various other programs.
- An individual from Waterford had moderate success with a learn to play hockey program at Connecticut College. The rink will be trying to learn more about them.

SECYH

- Paul Santamaria reported that the club was down one travel team overall but the mite program's numbers were up from last year.
- A lengthy discussion ensued about why there weren't more Norwich residents involved in the SECYH program. Many ideas were mentioned including scholarships for Norwich residents.
- A large amount of time was spent discussing the relationship between The Rink and SECYH and how they could benefit each other.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The group reflected on various programs that were in place to encourage skating at the rink. They were as follows:
 - Every first Saturday of the month public skating is free to Norwich residence.
 - Children three and under skate free.
 - Public skating rates drop to \$3.00 during the summer.
 - Birthday party rooms are always available.
 - Group rates are offered.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Barlow