



## NORWICH ICE RINK AUTHORITY MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 2009

**Authority Attendance:** Mike Goldblatt, Cheryl Ritacco, Judy Deglin, Mike Schermerhorn and Rich Wolak

**Absent:** Doug Barlow, Dean Pfeifer

**Guest:** Jim Sanca. Mia Sanca

Meeting was called to order by Mike Goldblatt at 6:15 pm, a quorum was present. Minutes from March, submitted by Cheryl Ritacco, were read and approved. Motion to accept made by Mike Schermerhorn; seconded by Rich Wolak.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

### **Reports**

Manager Jim Sanca reported on the following:

- Great Skate to Ice Out Cancer event will take place May 9 at The Rink.
- Learn to Skate program has decent numbers for the spring. Would like to see numbers grow next session.
- Norwich Skating School, with 55 participants, will compete in 3 upcoming competitions spanning from Massachusetts to Florida.
- Southeastern Connecticut Youth Hockey (SECYH) held tryouts April 4 and 5. By next week Jim should be able to get a number from president of organization on how many teams they will be able to field next year. With that information Rink can estimate ice time rentals for the 2009 – 2010 season. Preliminary numbers indicate the same number of teams as this year.
- Tryouts for SECYH girl's hockey will hold their tryouts at the end of the month.
- Jim is waiting to hear from the Griffin youth program about using The Rink's ice for games for specific divisions.

- The Girls Youth Hockey organization has been contacted regarding using the facility for tournaments. They have been having difficulty securing ice at other locations. These tournaments would happen in 2010.
- Spring hockey clinics have begun for mites, squirts, pee wees, bantams and adults as well as Bernie Cassell's Hockey Skills clinic. The clinics are struggling with number of participants.
- The Rink continues to offer free admission to Norwich residents during the first Saturday of every month.
- Jim has spoken with NFA coach Chris Discordia, he has supplied The Rink with a preliminary game schedule. There are also captain's practices being discussed for August.
- Utility costs were slightly less than same time last year.
- The Rink continues to run in the black and Jim feels that the last quarter of the fiscal year will continue on this path.
- If the YMCA does not hold their summer camps, the Norwich Rec is considering expanding their program and it maybe an opportunity for The Rink to work with the Rec on their offerings.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business

### **New Business**

The Rink received a letter from Tim Yuhas stating that Yuhas Sports Training has agreed to donate a Free Motion Cable Cross Machine and a Power Skater Machine with a combined value of approximately \$3,000. The Authority brought donation to vote and was unanimously approved to accept donation.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm. Motion to accept made by Rich Wolak; seconded by Judy Deglin.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Ritacco