



**Recreation & Arena Commission Meeting  
January 8, 2024  
Arena Conference Room**

**Attendance: Kevin Barry, Sheila Colson, Dave Camire; Lauren Krans, Lexy VanBinsbergen; Dale Bickford, Dick Clough,**

1. Public Input  
None.
2. Accept December Minutes  
Dave Camire motion to accept. Lexy VanBinsbergen second.
3. Review Revenue & Expense Reports  
Kevin Barry motion to accept. Lexy VanBinsbergen second. Unanimous support.
4. Senior Activity Membership Update  
Director Krans reviewed the updated Senior Membership policy and timeline as follows:

**Summary of Senior Membership Changes As of 12/18/23**

**Starting Monday, December 18, 2023:**

**Rochester Residents:**

There will be no impact to Rochester residents. The Rochester Senior Activity Membership will remain available for purchase for both new resident members and renewals of existing resident memberships.

**Non-Rochester Residents:**

**Non-Residents That Have a Current Rochester Senior Activity Membership:**

Non-residents who currently have the Rochester Senior Activity Membership will not see any changes until their membership expires on its anniversary date.

If a non-resident membership expires before July 1, they will have the option of purchasing an Interim Membership.

If their membership expires after July 1, they will be able to purchase one of the new membership modules that are forthcoming.

**Non-Residents That DO NOT Have a Current Rochester Senior Activity Membership:**

May purchase an Interim Membership for \$15. This membership mirrors the benefits of the Rochester Senior Activity Membership and expires on July 1, 2024.



### **Timeline of Future Planning**

**May 1, 2024**

Information on the new membership modules will be published at [rec.rochesternh.gov](http://rec.rochesternh.gov).

**June 30, 2024**

All Interim Memberships expire.

**July 1, 2024**

New membership modules will be available for purchase.

Director Krans explained that staff would be bringing forth proposals of updated membership options at the next few meetings. Dale Bickford supported. Kevin Barry second.

#### **5. 2024 Lilac Family Fun Festival update**

Director Krans explained that the council allocated \$45,000 for the 2024 event. Planning for the event will focus on enhancing the current activities and facility management and logistics. There will also be a focus on adding more activities for teens/preteens. Dave Camire would like to see opportunities for local youth organizations, like athletics booster clubs, to be involved, for example, hosting a fundraising booth in the vendor area.

#### **6. FY25 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Overview**

Director Krans shared that the department will be submitting three CIP requests for FY25: Arena Facility Analysis/Plans, Arena Dehumidifier and Squamanagonic Large Bridge. Director Krans also shared that both budgets will see increase in personnel costs. More detailed information will be available at the next meeting

#### **7. Player Performance Area Update**

Use by RYH remains consistent. There have been no private user group rentals. The area was used during the last Learn To Skate Session to help a participant acclimate to using ice skates.

#### **8. Recreation Master Plan Update**



The Master Plan Group is meeting on Wednesday 1/10 to review a Community Engagement Survey. Dale Bickford asked what the level of community engagement has been thus far. Sheila Colson shared that there has not been any community outreach yet, but the survey will focus on this.

#### 9. Other

Director Krans shared that the Dave Anctil Cup was a huge success. Dave's wife, daughter and granddaughter were in attendance. The game ended in a tie. We may explore playing for the cup at the next varsity game in Dover. If so, the Commission will receive an email reminder.

SHS Basketball Jersey Request: Director Krans received a request from SHS Boys Basketball Boosters to hang the 5 senior boys jerseys the month of February in the gym. Sheila Colson shared that the Boys Varsity Soccer team did a similar tribute on the soccer fence and it was a large success. Lexy VanBinsbergen asked if there were other teams who would want this similar request. Director Krans shared that only the varsity boys and girls basketball teams called the Rec Center gym their home courts, so it should not be an overwhelming request. Director Krans stated that the request could be made each year if this were to become a tradition. Dale Bickford asked how they would hang the jerseys, Director Krans said that would be up to the Facilities and Operations Supervisor. The commission unanimously supported hanging the varsity basketball jerseys in the gym for the month of February.

Outdoor Rink: Director Krans shared that Facilities and Operations Supervisor Ryan Trepanier and Assistant Director Steve Trepanier set up the outdoor rink at the Common. The rec website will have information as to when it is available for skating.

Motion to adjourn Dale Bickford. Second Kevin Barry.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2024, 6:00pm Location TBD