

Berne Youth Council Minutes
February 15, 2016

Present: Trudy Horl, Stefanie Scram, Kathy Stemple, Chuck Conklin, Erin Rappaport, Kathy Wank

Also Present: Mary Ellen Gillis, Dawn Jordan

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Trudy Horl @ 6:10 PM

Motion to approve minutes of January 11, 2016 made by Trudy Horl, seconded by Stefanie Scram, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Mary Ellen Gillis, Knox Youth Director, attended the meeting to report on Knox activities. Mary Ellen reported that the Knox Winter Fest was not held due to a lack of winter weather. Knox will not attempt to reschedule for this year. For the 2017 calendar, their committee will come up with some activities that are not reliant on snow. We are all encouraged to come up with ideas and share them. Mary Ellen also discussed the possibility of having a joint council meeting in October to discuss all dates for winter activities, so that our events do not overlap one another. Knox will be hosting a Memorial Day parade, and also a June 4 Knox Camp Out. Mary Ellen is in the process of creating a “master” brochure for families of all activities based in the Hilltowns.

Tubing Trip – Erin Rappaport has prepared a flyer and written a letter to BKW BoE to approve our use of a school bus. Stefanie Scram has agreed to collect the permission slips at school. Dawn Jordan will ask Town Clerk, Anita Clayton, if copies can be made at Town Hall. Discussion ensued about holding this event in an earlier month next year.

Roller Skating – Kathy Wank has designed the permission slip/advertising flyer which Stephanie Scram approved of, with the exception of adding the BKW disclaimer at the bottom.

Game Farm Road – Kathy Wank reported that she has walked the property with Karen Schimmer. Karen has invited the Berne Youth Council to use this facility, as it is town owned, and would be free of charge to us. Discussion ensued about perhaps holding one day of the Summer Recreation Program there, or perhaps developing some tween/teen programs at the site during the summer months, i.e.: paint ball, scavenger hunt, flash light tag, camp outs. Kathy Wank encouraged everyone to put their thinking caps on, as to how we might utilize this resource.

Zoom Flume – Motion made by Trudy Horl, seconded by Chuck Conklin to set a tentative date of Friday, August 5, 2016 for this trip. A school bus will be needed, and arrangements made prior to the end of the school year for advertising, and permission slip distribution. Detail to be discussed as later meetings. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade – Our youth council has received an invitation to participate in this year’s parade. The theme is “generations”. Trudy Horl made a motion to participate/share a

float with the Knox Youth Council, seconded by Chuck Conklin, all in favor, none opposed, so moved. Chuck Conklin will research “generational” aspect of being in the parade. Dawn Jordan will check with the seniors at Senior Center to see if anyone is interested in participating. Ideas were discussed regarding costumes, float design, etc.

Misc. – Kathy Stemple advised committee of a “Jim the Jester” performance being held on Sunday, August 28th and asked if the Youth Council would be interested in sharing costs this summer with the Berne Public Library. Kathy Stemple will get more information as to cost, length of show, etc. and report back at next meeting.

It was also suggested that some type of survey form be created and distributed at functions to get a feel as to what the kids want to have happen.

Chuck Conklin inquired if the Berne Youth Council will have any involvement with the upcoming Winter Fest being held at the Game Farm Road property on February 27. This event is a 5K race, and we will not have a presence there. Will address again later in the year if we want to host a table for next year’s event.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM made by Kathy Stemple, seconded by Stefanie Scram, all in favor, none opposed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wank, Director and Recording Secretary
Berne Youth Council