

Norwich Ice Arena Authority

Regular Meeting Minutes

Held Virtually via Zoom

January 19, 2022 at 6pm

1. Call to Order – Chairman Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 6:06pm. He noted that the meeting was being held virtually by virtue of the governor’s executive orders and was being recorded. All votes will be taken by roll call.
2. Determination of Quorum – All members were present as well as DC Tony Madeira and Shannon Fitzgerald from NRIA.
3. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting 7/21/21 – On motion by Gary Makowicki, seconded by Mark Sicuso and passed by roll call vote, the minutes from 7/21/2021 were approved.
4. Public Comment – None
5. Correspondence – Earlier today DC Madeira send the members several documents that the Authority may need to review in Executive Session because of the nature of their content. They will likely be the subject of some negotiations with NRIA.
6. Reports: Shannon Fitzgerald told the members that the Seahawks started their season using blocks of ice time at pre-COVID levels. There’s a new Junior Hockey team the Norwich Sea Captains using NRIA as their home rink. The Eagles Co-op team is using NRIA. NFA is working on putting together an elite team for next season. A figure skating exhibition was held December 30<sup>th</sup>. Power skating classes being set up for the spring. There have been no major maintenance issue or projects during hockey season. – Joann Beguhl stated that it was an incredible update, and it was great to see the rink getting so much use.
7. Motion by Joann Beguhl, seconded by Gary Makowicki for the authority to enter into executive session to discuss contractual issues with NRIA that will be the subject of negotiations. DC Madeira is invited to attend to offer his expertise. Passed unanimously by roll call vote.
8. A motion to come out of executive session, noting that no votes were taken, was made by Gary Makowicki, seconded by Joann Beguhl and passed by roll call vote. Lisa Fedick of NRIA, joined the meeting at this time.
9. Old Business
  1. Discussion and possible action regarding lease terms, compliance, audits and proposed changes to the agreement, if any. – A motion by Mark Sicuso to form a subcommittee

consisting of the chairman and Joann Beguhl, with the assistance of the comptroller's office, to work on solutions regarding the present agreement and COVID impacts that will eventually be negotiated with NRIA. Seconded by Gary Makowicki and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The chairman stated that any resolution will come back to the authority for ratification at a future meeting.

Chairman Bettencourt asked Lisa Fedick to provide detailed invoices and cancelled checks for any reimbursement requests made to the city. She asked for a list of the items in question and the situation was clarified by DC Madeira.

10. New Business

1. Anything else to be brought before the authority. - None

11. Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Makowicki, seconded by Chairman Bettencourt and passed unanimously by roll call vote at 718pm.