

Skating Club at Dartmouth Board Meeting

August 28, 2006

Attendees: Barbara Gerling, Anna Tosteson, Colleen Ross, Paula Morris, Thera Callahan, Richard Ploss, Nan Abbot, Denise Malloy, Liz Lamonthé, Jacki Mehner Smith, Rose Grenier, Michael Liu

Absent: Cortney Keene

Barbara called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Liz Lamonthé was introduced to the Board. She will be attending the Tuck Business School at Dartmouth for the next two years & is interested in coaching at SCAD on a limited basis. She has been coaching for 10 years and is able to coach skaters at all levels.

June minutes reviewed

Colleen noted that a correction should be made to indicate that minutes from the March Board meeting were reviewed, not December. A typo was also made in reference to food from the banquet being donated to the Heaven, which should read The Haven. Colleen will make these changes, send the corrections to Richard & post the minutes at Campion. Anna Tosteson moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Thera Callahan.

Summer Program

Barbara Gerling reported that 27 skaters attended the summer session at Union Arena in Woodstock. She indicated that the program was very successful, nearly breaking even. \$4,200 was taken in for summer registration and ice time fees. The ice cost was \$4,380. Barbara is optimistic that next summer will be equally successful. The summer program helped with increasing the amount of registrants for the fall session, per Jacki Mehner Smith. SCAD ended up buying some extra slots of ice time, but there was not a whole lot available.

New Coach

Liz told us about her background at Colonial Figure Skating Club in Westboro, MA. She has competed in the ISI & USFSA at the Intermediate, Junior & Novice levels. She coached in the ISI program since age 14. She has taught 3-4 year olds through Freestyle 8. She has also produced technical conferences throughout the world. She is willing to make a time commitment of 2 hours per week to SCAD initially & will re-evaluate the amount of time in December or January once she adjusts to her course load at Tuck.

Finance Report

Income and Expenses for July 2005 through June 2006 were reviewed. Barbara went over the Skating Program Operational Costs section, indicating that the ice cost is the biggest expense & is expected to increase by 10% this year.

Anna Tosteson mentioned that this emphasizes the importance of fundraising & also suggested that membership fees could be increased to keep up with the cost of ice.

A motion was made by Thera Callahan to accept the Finance Report, seconded by Nan Abbot.

Fundraising

Thera Callahan is receptive to continuing with coordinating the cookie dough fundraiser.

Barbara Gerling thinks we should continue offering SCAD jackets, but not look at this as a major fundraiser. Nan Abbot is willing to take over the SCAD jacket fundraiser.

Richard Ploss suggested posting items available (i.e dresses, skates) for sale on the SCAD website & having members donate a portion of the proceeds to SCAD. This would also cut down on the confusion at registration time. Denise Malloy offered to help out with this.

Rose Grenier suggested that the sale of skates continue at each registration session. Board members agreed that they would like to see sales continue at registration AND have items for sale posted on the website.

Julie Strawitz still has boxes stored at her house that need to be sorted through. Denise Malloy volunteered to do this.

Richard suggested a donation of 25% if an item in the website is sold.

Barbara suggested bringing some items (i.e. skates) to the registration session on 9/9.

Barbara received info. from Color Graphics re: photos/portraits. Nan offered to be contact person for this.

Richard Ploss suggested selling fleece blankets, referring to one he saw in the store at Lake Placid. Jacki received an e-mail from a company offering blankets that looked to be of good quality & will provide this info.

Thera indicated that the cookie dough fundraiser will take place in October again this year with delivery being before Thanksgiving. The price will be the same as last year, \$12/tub, with profit being \$5/tub. Nan offered storage for extra tubs at Wheelock. Thera will order 50 extra tubs this year. Order will be turned in on 10/16 with 11/16 delivery.

Rinkmaster

Richard Ploss is building a new calendar on the website.

Michael Liu suggested having people indicate which sessions they are not able to sign up for. Anna Tosteson thinks it would work better to say these are the days I CAN rinkmaster.

Michael asked Richard for help with revising the spreadsheet.

Barbara Gerling suggested that we continue with the policy of returning deposits at the end of the year to those who sign up to rinkmaster.

Preschool

Julie Strawitz indicated that she would be interested in helping with the Preschool program.

Jacki will e-mail her about this.

Thera Callahan asked for an explanation of the job description for helping with this program.

Jacki explained that the person helping would need to be available to answer parents questions on Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:10 & to provide fun things for the children (i.e bubbles, stickers, cookies).

Paula Morris offered to help with the Preschool program.

Registration

Richard Ploss indicated that the first registration session will be held on 9/9. There will be no open ice this year.

Barbara will proof the registration forms. Richard will have the forms up on the website by the beginning of next week. He emphasized that if more people use the website it will save on the printing costs. Jacki suggested that early registration be encouraged.

Richard will bring his laptop to the registration session and will enter all the registration info. into the database that day so that Jacki will not need to do this.

Barbara Gerling said that we should think of some kind of incentive for pre-registering for the Fall 2 session.

Executive Committee

Colleen Ross will be added to the PR committee. She will revise the Board of Directors list and will look over the handbook for revisions.

Ice Schedule

Jane Kitchel-McLaughlin will help Jacki with the Fall ice buys. The ice buy for Thompson is this Friday. Jacki has also been in touch with Bill at KUA.

There will be a coaching clinic at the beginning of the season. Everyone will be returning to the Junior Coaching Staff except Fiona. Addy will also be coaching as she turns 13 in Sept. And passed her Gold MIF this Summer.

New Business

SCAD registration fees will increase to \$30 for the September-April program. Summer registration fees will be kept separate.

Nan made a motion to accept the fee increase, seconded by Richard Ploss. This will bring in an anticipated increase of \$1,500 revenue.

New Business (continued)

Hartford's ice fee is \$125/hour this year. No figure is available from Thompson yet. Champion's fee is \$150/hour (up from \$135 last year - 11% increase).

Barbara Gerling proposed that we can increase costs 10% across the board or keep the same and hope for more skaters.

Nan Abbot motioned to increase the Basic Skills fee from \$105 to \$115 and increase the USFSA membership fee to \$30, seconded by Anna Tosteson. The Board unanimously agreed.

Jacki indicated that she passed Hockey I, Powerskating and 2 orals at the conference she attended in the Spring.

Recital

Everyone agreed that the recital was a success in the Spring & we should plan a similar program for next year. We need to start an archive of DVD's, photos, etc.

Meeting Adjourned

Barbara adjourned the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Next Meeting Date

December 4, 2006

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Colleen Ross, Secretary