

Skating Club at Dartmouth Board Meeting

March 6, 2006

Attendees: Barbara Gerling, Colleen Ross, Cortney Thiel, Kimberly Chase-Adler, Jane Kitchel McLaughlin, Julie Strawitz, Michael Liu, Richard Ploss, Sharry Baker, Thera Callahan, and Zenghong Chen

Maureen Brooks, Rose Grenier, Jacki Mehner Smith

Absent: Anna Tosteson

Meeting called to order :

Barbara called meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Minutes from December Board Meeting

Barbara inquired if there were any edits, questions or comments in regards to the December 5 minutes

- Rose and Maureen indicated that they had not received e-mail copies. Jacki indicated that she would add Maureen and Rose's name to the e-mail list for future communication of minutes.
- No other comments were brought forth
- Barbara made a motion to approve the minutes and Richard seconded the motion, and all present approved.
- The minutes will posted to the website by Richard and Sharry will post hard copy at Campion Rink

Registration report

- Richard reported that the 4 registration sessions went well and thanked the group for their help. There was concern in regards to questions asked during the sign-up sessions that the registrars did not know the answer too. It was suggested that a list of frequently asked difficult questions with corresponding answers be compiled for future registrations.
- Confirmation of ice time continues to be a challenge to having early registrations. We all recognize that this would be nice to know but is out of our control. Jane will be passing Ice buying duty on to Jacki prior to the next registration.
- It was decided that we will continue to have 4 sessions per year and work to the best of our ability with the Ice time constraints.
- Richard also reviewed the Registration data for 2005-2006 and our membership has been consistent throughout the year. The Spring session membership is up from previous years and a few Board members felt it was due to the excitement of the Spring Recital.
- Jacki indicated the lag time of registration forms coming in is causing a problem of in accurate student list at beginning of a new session. Reminder e-mails have not worked for some of the higher-level skaters. Jane will address this.

SCaD Website

- Richard envisions the website at some point in the future
 - Accommodate an On-line registration form
 - Ability to accept Credit Card (note a fee of 2-3 % to do so) will be researched by Richard.
 - Richard has been keeping the web page up with current Skating events
 - Richard moved our website (except calendar) to the Media 3 server out of Boston. He will be moving the calendar there this summer, as well as, exploring a different calendar option per request of Jane .
- Kim inquired if Skating Club member photos could be added to the website. Richard responded that this was a privacy issue but if members request /send a photo to him to be used he can post it. Richard will send an e-mail to the membership to offer the option of posting photos to the website.

Finance report

Jane reviewed the Treasurer report for December 3,2005- March 6,2006

- Kim inquired into the projected increase in the Board of Director liability coverage. Jane indicated that it could be as much as 40%.
- Jane will formulate a projected yearly budget for the coming year and will submit to the executive committee.
- Julie made a motion to approve, Zenghong 2nd the motion and all present approved

Executive committee report

Barbara reported that the working relationship between the Executive Committee and Executive Director has been very productive and positive this 2005-2006 skating season. Barbara thanked all of the Board members for their continued support and energy in helping the Skating Club at Dartmouth be a successful club.

Fundraising

Barbara requested that we all continue to think of fund raising opportunities. She encouraged the Board members to submit their ideas to the Executive Committee.

- Richard suggested a Summer SCaD family golf tournament.
 - Colleen suggested arranging this at the Lake Sunapee Country Club.
 - Colleen will research this as potential fundraiser event, with the assistance of her husband; who is the Grounds Manager for Lake Sunapee Country Club.

Executive Director Report

Jacki reported:

- The Junior Coach program is going very well.
- There have been numerous compliments from parents in regards to the individual attention being given to the students
- It is duly noted that the Jr. coaches make an effort to spend 5-10 minutes with the newer skaters to make sure they are comfortable on the ice and this has really been a very successful approach for the students.
- Jacki indicated that there is a small group of Basic Skills skaters who are primarily interested in hockey. She has organized this group into a Hockey skills subgroup to provide them with specialized skills and drills. No sticks are on the ice - the motto being "you need to learn to skate before wielding a stick".
- On a personal level Jacki will be testing for her Hockey Level one certification at the upcoming PSA conference in South Carolina.
- Jacki is encouraging the Skating Club at Dartmouth to offer more basic skill Hockey Clinics for next Fall season.

Ice Scheduling

Jane reported:

- Jacki will be taking over the Ice scheduling duties for next year. Jane will advise and guide Jacki through the first ice buying session.
- Rink pricing/ice:
 - Champion Ice time is increasing from \$135 to \$150 per hour.
 - Thompson remains unpredictable for obtaining Ice time.
 - Hartford ice is \$135/hr with the anticipation that this too will be increased in the coming year
 - Woodstock Union arena will increase from \$145 to \$170/ hr over the summer. Jane is uncertain about the price next fall.
 - Jane advised that we consider buying more KUA Ice time in the coming year

Rink Master

Zeng Hong reported:

- Parents have responded well to the "first come first serve" sign-up for Rink Master
- A few Wednesday's still do not have a Rink Master but Zenghong is confident that coverage will be forth coming

- Her overall assessment is that the Rink Mastering schedule is fine.

Preschool

Kimberly reported that all is going well. Kimberly provided an eloquent report on the Preschool activities; which included a positive response of both students and parents to the program

Communication

Julie reported that all is fine and going smoothly with the Communication Committee. Richard is still pursuing our re-imburement for a Valley News misspelling in a transaction ad.

Recital (April Skating Club at Dartmouth Show):

- Sign-ups for Recital started on March 6th and so far 24 members have signed-up.
- Rehearsal schedule will be confirmed next week
- Brianna's father will have printed tickets made up for the Recital
- There is a \$10 dollar accessory fee for each Recital participant in-lieu of having to purchase these items on their own.
- Overall club members have a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for this event.

Testing date

- March 31 will be a test session
- Annie will organize the event
- Thera will organize breakfast and lunch items for the participants
- Thera will send out an e-mail to the membership for food donations

Banquet:

- Thera reported:
 - Hanover Community Center has been reserved for May 6th
 - Karaoke entertainment has been reserved and will be the same as last year.
 - Raffle prize has been arranged
 - Theme will be "Fun in the Sun", same as the Recital
- Jane asked Zenghong, if Wei-Ling can provide streaming videotape from the Recital at the banquet. Zenghong indicated that this could be done.
- The Award Ceremony will take place at the banquet with three awards being presented
 - Greenslet Award – which is for a Skater who is an outstanding Team Member
 - Skating club volunteer award – which will go to an adult volunteer that has given generously in time and energy to the growth and success of the club.

New Business

Jane reporting :

- Summer Session
 - A summer session is in the planning with a possible coordination with Union Arena.
 - Possible session date will be from June 27 – July 21st.
 - Thera and the Executive Committee will explore how the program will be scheduled, as well as, the content of the program.
- Lebanon and Hanover Twin Rink project
 - Jane encouraged that a Board member(s) become involved with this group to maintain a communication bridge and show our support for the project.
 - Project is moving forward but is not fully public at this time.
- A Tag sale will be held at the Hanover Recreation Center to raise funds in support of the community of Alsted's project to rebuild their sports fields destroyed last years flood disaster.

Julie reporting:

- Julie has numerous items in her home that belong to the Skating Club. These items include skates, costumes and show props. Julie would like to know what the Skating Club would like her to do with these items.

Jacki reporting:

- The Professional Skating Association encourages continued education of coaches and offers:
 - Full day seminar in Boston once a year = 8 PSA education credit hrs
 - A one week year conference where various types of in-services and testing can take place to advance coaches to Senior and Master level skating specialties
 - Jacki expressed that this is a good opportunity for coaches to have continued growth in the coaching profession

Barbara reporting:

- Nominating Committee for new Board members is being formed. This will consist of two current Board members (terms are not ending in June), and one non- Board member.
- Executive Committee will have this in place by June 5th

Future meeting dates

- June 5th, yearly meeting new Board member elections
- August 28th

Meeting Adjourned

Barbara adjourned meeting at 9:20

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Sharry Baker, Secretary