

Skating Club at Dartmouth Board Meeting

August 6, 2007

Attendees: Barbara Gerling, Colleen Ross, Nan Abbot, Jacki Mehner Smith, Rose Grenier, Thera Callahan, Richard Ploss, Barbara Jobst, Denise Malloy

Absent: Anna Tosteson, Paula Morris, Priscilla West, Diane Belback, Jessica Lawrence

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

Bruce Bergeron of the Lebanon-Hanover Twin Rinks Association (LHTRA) was introduced to the group by Barbara. Bruce passed out an organizational chart & explained that the mission of LHTRA is to provide the upper valley with another rink, a non-profit organization that fund raises for the capital.

Two lots owned by Dartmouth College have been donated to the Town of Hanover for the purpose of adding another rink in close proximity to Campion.

The group is working with Pathways Engineering. The new rink would not impact existing playing fields. The new rink would be open year-round and comparable in quality to Union Arena. Currently, there is not enough demand for two rinks to be open year-round. There is a capacity for 350 seats.

LHTRA still needs to go through the local and state wetlands permit process.

This is a \$5 million project (down from an initial \$7 million estimate). A fund raising committee will reconvene in the Fall. Hanover Improvement Society paid for some of the engineering fees.

Barbara thanked Bruce for attending the meeting to update us on the progress of the new rink.

June Minutes:

The June minutes were reviewed and accepted, motion to approve made by Barbara Jobst, seconded by Barbara Gerling.

Election of Officers:

The coaches were excused during the election of new Board officers.

Barbara Gerling & Colleen Ross were elected as Co-Presidents, Anna Tosteson was re-elected Vice-President and Barbara Jobst was elected the new Secretary. Barbara Gerling is willing to continue as Treasurer if the process is more streamlined. A motion was made by Nan Abbot to accept the new officers, seconded by Thera Callahan.

The coaches returned to the room.

We need to continue to recruit new Board members throughout the year. The nominating

committee needs additional people. Jacki said there is a new parent of a skater moving to the area who might be interested in joining the Board.

The Executive Committee remains the Co-Presidents, Vice President and Treasurer.

Fund Raising:

A car wash was suggested - either at Irving or Walmart.

Roberta Stewart & Laurie Sanborn are interested in helping with fund raising. They suggested selling T-shirts, with local retailers donating \$ for the cost of the t-shirts in return for having the name of their business on the back of the shirt.

Finance Report:

The Adult club is helping to offset the loss for Freestyle. Freestyle sessions are losing about \$2,500-3,000 per session.

There was a loss of \$350 for the last test session. The way to generate more income is to get more skaters testing.

Ideas to cut show costs: sell DVDs and food

We need to charge more for the banquet next year. It is important to continue this tradition. Awards are expensive, but necessary.

We need to focus on operational costs. For 2006-07 Registration fees brought in \$78882.20. Membership fees: \$4,800. Rink master fees: \$450.

We will break even for the summer session.

The Bridge program is important to continue.

Campion's fee is going up 10% this year (\$150 to \$165/hour). Hartford is increasing by 13%. Before 8:00 AM ice is cheaper. 50% of our ice is at Campion and 30% is at Hartford. The remaining 20% is scattered.

We need to increase the USFSA membership fee (up from \$30 to \$40). We also need to continue the 20% discount for additional family members.

We will increase the registration for to \$75 for Freestyle and \$50 for Basic Skills.

Nan suggested making the walk on fee the same for all sessions. The fee will be increased to \$20, except for Fridays which will be \$30 for both 45 minute sessions. Walk on fee for a session with a group lesson will be \$25.

Finance Report (continued):

The fee for the Preschool program will be \$90.

Basic skills will increase from \$115 to \$130. 2 skates per week will be \$190.

The adult program will be \$18 per session for 7 sessions (\$126).

There will be a proportionate increase for the Bridge program.

The Fall registration session will be on Tuesday 9/4 from 4:30-7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Ross, Secretary