

Skating Club at Dartmouth Board Meeting December 10, 2007

Attendees: Barbara Gerling, Colleen Ross, Anna Tosteson , Paula Morris, Denise M. Malloy, Priscilla West, Nan Abbot, Barbara Jobst, Thera Callahan, Diane Belback, Jackie Mehner-Smith, Rose Grenier

Absent: Richard Ploss

The meeting was called to order 7:35

The minutes from the March 2007 and August 2007 board meeting were approved with the addition that a walk on session should be 20 \$ and for a walk on group lesson should be 25 \$.

Finance report:

A detailed finance report was given out by the president explaining a deficit over the last year, mainly due to increased cost of ice time and multiple other contributing factors.

Approx. 18000\$ are available currently in the SCAD checking account due to a bolus of 7000\$ membership fees for the 2007/2008 season. Ca. 2000\$ had to be withdrawn from the savings account over the summer of 2007, so at the time of the meeting approx. 4000\$ were left in savings. At the time of the meeting, the financial situation was similar to the one the year before.

The president reported that she, Mr Gerling and Richard Ploss are planning on a more workable accounting process.

Fundraising:

Several fundraising initiatives were discussed:

-Thera reported that the cookie dough fundraiser went well. 34 fewer units were sold than last year but SCAD will raise > 2000\$ as the profit is 5-5.40\$ per tube. Jackie: suggested selling cookie dough during basics skills time.

-Jacket sale: No formal jacket sale will occur this year, but Nan explained that previous jackets are still available for sale, although it was felt the fit of the jackets was too "boxy". It was suggested to have a link at the website for SCAD sale items like the jackets and possibly offer also other items like T-shirts or other clothes. Other vendors like Topstich were discussed, however in the past Cooke's offer was superior. There was also a discussion whether a digitized logo is available. Nan will assess the options for vendors and possibly form a subcommittee for SCAD clothing.

- Barbara G was contacted by Colorgraphic about a photo fundraiser. Nan had explored that in the past and it did not seem feasible. A guarantee for a certain amount of photos was required and it was difficult to coordinate. Nan offered to contact them again.

Alternatives to obtain photos were discussed which included local photographers or even possibly take photos by ourselves. Providing appropriate lighting could be difficult. An e-mail to survey the overall interest was thought to be a good idea.

-As an additional fundraiser parents had suggested fundraisers beyond the club, possibly a flea market type of fundraiser. Roberta, one of the parents, had voiced some interest in organizing this.

-Jackie suggested a dance on ice as fundraiser. Barbara G was not sure whether this would be profitable as ice time needs to be covered first. Jackie offered to contact Dick Doods at Campion. DJ and hot chocolate would be a nice addition. Dartmouth Hockey Team members could chaperone and attendance could be controlled with advance tickets. There could be issues with insurance. Barbara G intended to contact US figure skating regarding insurance issues.

-Golfing fundraiser to benefit SCAD at Sunapee was suggested. Colleen offered to explore options.

Rink mastering:

More compliance with rink mastering would be desirable as well as consistent financial accountability. Ring masters are required to stand on the gates for first 10 min of a session. Nan suggested to raise the fee for not ring mastering. Thera suggested that the e-mail sign up for ring mastering should be sent out one week prior to the session.

Jackie requested some ice packs. Colleen offered to get those.

Registration report:

No registration issues have arisen. There was a brief discussion that on-line registration which would be advantageous in any respect.

Executive committee report:

There is the recurrent issue of requests for skating up and down, especially as this can increase flexibility of private lesson time. However skating up should not be more than two levels, e.g. basic 6 could skate up in silver. Still SCAD should be selective about skating up and if certain skaters are an issue this needs to be addressed individually by the executive committee.

It was decided that with the upcoming session on Thursday there will be silver ice, as Friday is already very crowded.

Junior coaching seems to go well. Many young skaters are very attached to them.

Union Area started a "learn to skate" program. SCAD junior coaches are participating. The 3-6 year old group seems somewhat wild and SCAD should be careful that this does not damage the SCAD reputation. However due to the program possibly a closer relationship to Union area could be established to better ice time and possibly summer ice could be negotiated.

Executive Director Report:

There will be less ice time at Hartford, more at Thompson for the season.
Coaching and junior coaching seems to go well.

There are two initiatives in the Upper Valley to build additional skating rinks: Twin rinks and Hartford. Twin rinks had not done any fundraising, but has concrete plans and Hartford has been given land for a new rink. On 12/18/07 there will be a meeting about the Hartford rink. Thera or (Colleen as a substitute) will look at calendar and try to attend.

Committee assignments:

Committee assignments were reviewed by Barbara G.

It was discussed that more advertisement is needed. Posters could be placed widespread e.g. at work places of work. Especially the adult club would need more members. Date for registration for winter session will be 12/30/07. After attending one session paper work needs to be handed in.

An informational social meeting was suggested e.g. in the Black Community Center. This would include a presentation of testing and competition. In February, a Friday and Saturday night could work. Nan offered to check whether Black center is available. A potluck with desert 7-8:30pm could be added. Barbara G and Priscilla will help with program.

The banquet is planned for May 3rd, however earlier would be better.
The test session is planned 3/28/08 and the show 4/6/08.

Show rehearsal was part of the class in the past, however last year there was not the case. There were the additional costs of 2000\$ of ice time for rehearsal. It was suggested moving basic skills rehearsals to bronze, or gold rehearsals to silver. Anna, Colleen, Denise, Paula, Chris volunteered to help with the show program

Eliza Mackintosh passed her senior freestyle test. A little ad in newspaper would increase advertising. Jackie wanted to e-mail Nan about getting news like this into the Upper Valley Spectator,

Other business:

Annie has offered a party for the club with Secret Santa, Dec 19th 4-4:15. All will be done at rink. Maybe this could be done in a similar fashion for Valentine's day.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.