

Skating Club at Dartmouth

Minutes Board Meeting November 17, 2008

Attendees: Barbara Gerling, Anna Tosteson, Paula Morris, Priscilla West, Denise Malloy, Rose Grenier, Jacki Smith, Annie Mackintosh, Deb Greenan,

Absent: Nan Abbot, Diane Belback

The meeting was called to order at 7:02.

Minutes from the July Board meeting were approved with the following changes:

Deb Green was nominated and elected unanimously to the board.

At the time of the Board meeting SCAD had \$8000 in the saving and checking account.

Rose, Vitaly and Jacki passed the USFS background check.

Megan Gerling, Jessica Liu and Annie Makintosh were added as junior coaches.

The handling fee of \$25 for late forms was suggested not decided on.

The freestyle fee was set at \$13.13/hr.

Denise Malloy made the motion to approve the changes and the minutes, seconded by Priscilla West.

Finance report:

Barbara Gerling reported that SCAD is in reasonable financial shape with \$28 000 in cash on hand after paying for September ice and prepaying Campion for November. However \$ 15000 upcoming costs for ice and coaching will need to deducted.

She also reported that SCAD is currently running behind in enrollment numbers. She reviewed enrollment for the current season and the two previous ones. Due to lower enrollment membership fees are down, however SCAD has to cover the same expenses.

A short discussion about reasons for reduced registration followed. It was mentioned that usually in olympic years the number of skaters goes up. Furthermore, it is still early in the season and numbers may improve over time. Another contributing factor is that several freestyle skater skaters left without others moving up.

Fundraising efforts:

Barbara reported the profit of the cookie dough sale organized by Thera Callahan. 180 rolls of dough were sold, which means a net of \$1800 for SCAD.

Others suggestions for raising funds were discussed. A used skate and used clothing sale was suggested, that would coincide with the registration for the second skating session. Denise Malloy currently holds the used skates.

Details of fundraising through the sale of jackets were discussed. Paula Morris reported that she had contacted On-Stage about jackets that have a more fitted style and are available in smaller sizes. It was suggested to contact Top stitch for embroidering and to discuss this further with Nan Abott who previously had organized the sale of jackets.

It was unanimously decided that the next registration should occur on Thursday 12/11. 4-5:30 registration and in conjunction with the used skate and closing sale. Jacki suggested to e-mail membership for donations for the sale and extra cookie dough will be sold at the same time.

Annie Mackintosh reported that \$300 were made with the wrapping paper sale, however there are possibilities to improve this in the future by better advertisement and links at the website.

Other suggestions for fundraising included a bake sale, sale of Yankee Candles and possibly a golf tournament. Colleen Ross volunteered to explore the golf tournament option.

Jacki Smith suggested a raffle at the upcoming competition for fund raising. King Arthur or Brambles are possible sponsors for items to the raffle.

Rink Mastering:

No major issues regarding rink mastering came up lately as reported by Patricia Ploss. Jacki reported that the first aid kit and binder at some sessions is not always readily available and it sometimes takes away time from coaching. Annie volunteered to stock the first aid kit as it is missing essential items. Rinkmasters are needed and an e-mail will be sent by Jacki as a reminder.

Executive Committee report:–

Barbara Gerling reported that there had been questions about the contracted ice policy. In general a skater should attend the session he or she signed up for. However, there were skaters who desired to switch within one session. Several options were discussed. Option one is that moving up in levels in a contracted session is permissible. Option two is that it is generally not allowed and options three is that a fee is implied. It was unanimously decided that there is a disclaimer of one week and level changes after that result in an additional fee of 25\$.

The issue of private lessons by junior coaches recently occurred. Private lessons by junior coaches are generally discouraged. If there is no professional coaching available, the skater should be encouraged to consider a different time slot. Only if this is absolutely not possible, junior coaches are allowed to give private lessons. Contracts would need to be made between the

junior coach and the skater. Jacki Smith will assist with contracts if necessary. Only regular, mature and high level skaters will be considered as coaches for private lessons.

There were incidents of disruptive behavior on ice. Barbara Gerling proposed a certified letter to the responsible coach to comply with SCAD policies as well as a letter to the student.

Low enrollment programs were discussed these include the bridge and preschool programs. Preschool seemed to improve in terms of enrollment numbers. A discussion followed whether the bridge program should be converted in to Freeskate 1 and 2 and renamed to solve the problem of low enrollment.

A report of adult club policies was given by Barbara Gerling: A discussion between adult skaters concluded that the adult skating program includes the group lesson, and no credit will be given if the group lesson is not attended.

Some ice time was lost recently at the KUA and Hartford arenas and coupons will be given for the lost time.

Executive Director Report:

Jacki Smith reported that ice scheduling was going well. There were no problems with coaching and the junior coaches are doing well.

New business:

The executive director reported about progress with the upcoming competition: She received approval for ice time at the Union Arena. Ice is reserved from 8am to noon. The competition was posted on the NICC website. There will be three judges and \$105 will need to be spent on accounting. Metals will be ordered. A committee consisting of Annie, Barbara J, Pricilla, Denise, Paula, Colleen and Jacki was formed and the date for a committee meeting was set at 12/ 2 at Campion.

Barbara Gerling again mentioned the SCAD is 501c.7 organization and donations are not tax deductible.

The banquet format and timing will be discussed at the next board meeting.

The date of the show date is set at 4/5/09 4-5 pm.

Test session is set at 3/20/09 9am-3:30pm.

National Skating Month will be January, which may also boost enrollment. The family skate will be open to friends and families of the skating club.

Old business:**Club Community**

There was some discussion about the fall social organized by Katie Robbins and whether this should be a short discussion at the rink or a bigger event at the Black Community Center. Colleen volunteered to assist with this. Katie will let Jacki know about the date.

Jacki mentioned that “skating club buddies” may be a good idea. One skating family would mentor another. However 17 freestyles families would account for 50 basic skills families. It was decided to discuss this further at the next board meeting and in the meantime freestyle families could be contacted whether they would volunteer for such a program.

The next meeting was set for February 9th. The agenda will include the banquet and the summer session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38.