

Skating Club at Dartmouth

## **Minutes Board Meeting February 9th, 2009**

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

Absent: Barbara Gerling, Nan Abbot, Diane Belback,

The meeting was called to order at 7:04.

### **Minutes:**

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

Colleen Ross was present at the November board meeting.

Adie Mackintosh was added to the junior coaches.

Medals will be ordered for the competition.

Priscilla West made the motion to approve the changes and the minutes, which was seconded by Colleen Ross.

### **Board resignations:**

Anna Tosteson reports that Nan Abbott is resigning from the board due to health reasons. Diane Belback is resigning as she is unable to attend the meetings.

### **Finance report:**

Anna Tosteson reported that SCAD is basically \$6000 behind in cash on hand as compared to the previous year. Overall there are less registered skaters and the overall income is only \$1000 less. However, expenses are higher mainly due to increased ice costs.

She also reported that the competition most likely generated income in the order of \$500-1000, but not all bills are submitted yet. Due to the decreased cash on hand fundraising needs to be emphasized

### **Fundraising:**

The cookie dough sale remains an important fundraiser.

Roberta Stewart will again organize a tag sale. However the location as well as the date of the sale has not been clarified yet. Better advertisement could improve income.

Innisbrook wrapping paper fundraiser: Annie Mackintosh will send out another e-mail that wrapping paper could be bought through the Innisbrook website benefitting SCAD. A link at the SCAD website should be established.

The used skate sales generated an income of 300\$ initially, however the following skate and dress sales did not generate any more income.

Paula Morris reported that the jackets are still not available, but will be soon. 16 jackets were ordered, however the overall income generated for SCAD was only 15\$.

Jacki Smith suggested that bake sales are usually profitable as demonstrated by a recent bake sale by Dartmouth Figure Skating. Colleen volunteered to explore possibility like the Coop or similar locations. The Lyme Green or Walmart could be an alternative. The farmers market charges too much for participating. Fundraising needs to be emphasized over the summer.

Other suggestions for fundraising included contacting a restaurant e.g. Three Tomatoes. They often donate a certain percentage of their profits of one particular evening to a non-profit organization.

Jacki Smith suggested a dance on ice during April vacation. Everybody who would attend needs to sign a waiver, which poses a problem. Jacki will check on possible dates.

Deb Greenan reported that she observed that the concession stand at the Dartmouth ice hockey games was run by the Boy Scouts and that probably a certain percentage of the profits would go to the organization. This may also be a possibility to raise funds for SCAD and Jacki volunteered to look into this.

#### **Executive Committee Report:**

Anna Tosteson presented the conflict of interest policy of the USFSA. Colleen Ross motioned to accept it, Priscilla West seconded the motion. The conflict of interest certification was signed by all board members during the meeting.

#### **Executive Director Report:**

Ice time is scheduled for the remainder of the season. Campion will be open until 4/27.

Union arena will be open in summer for 4 weeks from 6/18-7/25 and it is unclear how much ice will be available for SCAD as communication with Union Arena remains difficult. However the goal would be to schedule ice time five times a week.

Hartford ice may go up to \$200 next season, therefore Union Arena may overall be a better alternative, although ice is only available later in the morning.

Coaching is going well including junior coaching.

A hockey program was suggested in the past, however hockey may not work well intermixed with figure skating. However the second basic skills session in the season could be reconsidered to offer to hockey players next season.

Spring clinics will be held again on Wednesday for 4 weeks. The clinics will include higher and lower level skaters with half hour of group lesson, and half hour of free skate. One clinic will be devoted to dance.

The preschool program is not doing well for reasons are not quite clear. Priscilla West suggested whether it would be worthwhile to add on a program for homeschooled children, however the price may be problematic for this particular group of skaters.

Old business:

#### Club Community

A formal fall social as suggested in the past is deferred right now. Annie Mackintosh will run an info session at the rink as it seems that parents could benefit from more detailed information. This is planned for Thursday 2/26, as this is also the date for registration for the show.

Annie Mackintosh suggested that a calendar on the website for non-ice events could also be helpful. The pros and cons of a e-mail newsletter was discussed, but finally not considered as apparently this will not be read by families due to the increasing amount of e-mail newsletters.

The competition was briefly reviewed. It overall seemed profitable and extremely well organized. Results will be posted. Rose suggested change the name, or move it closer to Valentine's day next year. However, due to conflicting dates moving it does not seem possible.

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The details of the banquet were discussed, as it is schedule too late in the season to interest basic skills families. After discussion the date was set on 3/29/09 from 2-4 pm. The event will include basic skill skaters and freestyle skaters. It will not be a formal dinner, but an ice cream social. Colleen Ross volunteered to be responsible for the ice cream and freestyle families will be asked to contribute other deserts. As location Trumbull hall was suggested, and Rose Grenier volunteered to explore this possibility. Awards will be handed out at the banquet.

This year's show "Hollywood on Ice" is planned for 4/5/09. Registration will be at 2/23 and 2/26. There will be two off ice rehearsals, and one on ice rehearsals. Rehearsals will be required to participate. Costs will be 25\$ per participant. DVDs will be generated again. Some of the college skaters may be asked to participate as guest skaters. Julie Strawitz will work on costumes. Colleen Ross will organize a bake sale. Rose Grenier will be in charge of flowers. A committee for the show was formed which includes Jacki Smith, Colleen Ross, Julie Strawitz, Rose Grenier, Paula Morris, Anna Tosteson, Denise Malloy. Paula Morris will explore what is required for T-shirts. Anna Tosteson stressed that the dress rehearsal should include food. To participate in the show skaters need to be signed up for one basic skills, two freestyle or one adult session

The test session is planned for 3/20/09 10:10am -3:20 pm. Two gold judges are already available and the remaining judges can certainly be recruited. Patricia West suggested that she could judge pre-bronze dance. Annie Mackintosh remade the registration sheets and costs were mildly increased. The test session is open to outside skaters but SCAD skaters have preference. Food for the test session is already arranged.

Some potential nominees for upcoming open board positions were discussed. Colleen Ross will initiate discussions with possible candidates.

The next meeting was planned for March 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16.