

**Rochester Figure Skating Club
Board of Directors meeting
July 20, 2009**

Board Members present: Marne Gade, Kari Grabowsky, Ginger Knapp, Dawn Nelson, Ann Miksch, Lynn Okuno, Chris Potaracke, Tim Rinkel, Jimmie Santee, Rich Washburn

Board Members absent : Wayne Brakke, Michael Fryer

Staff Present: Debbie Colgan,, Paul Paprocki

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following changes:

-Lynn Okuno was added as a co-chair for Public Relations

- The wording for the Junior Club membership fee was changed to read that there will be a \$10 membership fee for U.S. Figure Skating plus a \$2 fee for a total of \$12. It will be charged as \$2 for each session per skater.

- The wording for the TCFSA report was changed to read that Caryl Geschwind requested an August 2010 test date.

- The wording for the discussion on volunteer hours was changed to "Discussed calendar change to September through August".

A motion to approve the minutes with the four corrections was made by Rich Washburn. Second by Marne Gade. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Marne Gade presented the treasurer's report. The fiscal year ends the end of August. Ann Miksch made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Kari Grabowsky seconded. Approved.

Skating Director's Report

Paul Paprocki reported that Lidia fell while teaching last week. She returned to the ice and seems fine. An accident report was filed.

Junior Club Report

In the absence of Lori Voepel-Brakke, Debbie Colgan reported that the first and second sessions of Junior Club are down in numbers. The second session starts next week.

Coaches Liaison

Debbie Colgan reported that four staff were available for the training on the new harness by the installer, Mark Lebel. He requested that the leather be treated every three months and inspected yearly. Debbie did the first treatment. Also that the rope needs to be padded where it rubs against the concrete of the catwalk. And the rope should be locked when not in use by the club.

The coaches have also discussed the safety seminars. Dawn Nelson reported that Ice and Rules is working on it. Debbie also suggested that everyone try to get info about Gretchen Wilson's past judging accomplishments for the TCFSA Champion of Skating Award. The coaches would like a Parents Corner on the website for rules and information.

Debbie alerted the coaches to the new policy regarding children of staff and skating lessons.

Continuing Business

Emergency Contact info - The form will now include which hospital parents prefer the skater be transported to, and an area for the parent to show that the skater has aspirin-containing product sensitivity. Kari Grabowsky recommended having an Epi-Pen on site.

Volunteer Policy - Dawn Nelson presented a draft of the Volunteer Policy. The dates she did not have for the Fall and Winter Festivals an Awards Banquet were decided. The Fall and Winter Festivals will be held Oct. 31 and December 13, respectively. The Awards Banquet is tentatively scheduled for May 14th. The wording "A maximum of 6 of these hours can be earned by bringing designated food to events" was struck from #1 of the policy draft. A motion was made by Jimmie Santee to approve the policy with the changes. Second by Lynn Okuno. Approved.

Ann Miksch made a motion to approve adding the following to the agenda: lighting and electrical upgrades, hospitality, and Hiawathaland update. Second by Jimmie Santee.

The lighting and electrical upgrade was postponed due to Wayne Brakke's absence.

Ginger Knapp and Chris Potaracke discussed possibly increasing the competition fees for the first event at Hiawathaland by \$5 and \$10 per team to help fund the hospitality committee's food for the officials. Wording was changed to allow the Hiawathaland Chairs to decide if the fee increase will come out of existing fee or if the fees will be raised. Basic Skills competitors would not see an increase in their fees. Kari Grabowsky made a motion to approve. Second by Marne Gade. Approved.

Caryl Geschwind has resigned as test chair since her daughter is no longer skating. Jimmie Santee made a motion to approve an email approval of a new test chair. Second by Ginger Knapp. Approved.

After much discussion about Terry Markham's application to become coach on staff, Rich Washburn made the motion to vote on Terry's application for a full time staff position. Second by Jimmie Santee. Debbie Colgan and Paul Paprocki were asked to leave the room. The vote was taken and approved. Ann Miksch brought up the need for a policy about coaches on the sub list not being given permanent positions in Junior Club or JPSE. Discussion continued that it does not reflect well on the club when skaters want that sub as a coach but is told they can't because they are not on staff. It gives a mixed message.

Committee Reports

Dawn Nelson reported for Ice and Rules. Coaches on the committee would like to see a new leveling for ice sessions. When the Shattuck/St. Mary's skaters come they need to be give a safety seminar of our club rules and they need to be told what times they can skate so they do not overload a session. We want them to come but not at the detriment of our own skaters. There were reports of contracted RFSC skaters being told to leave the ice because it was full while the visiting skaters were on the ice. Paul Paprocki will discuss with their coach. Ice and Rules is also researching a recommendation for visiting skaters.

The next meeting will be August 17th at 6:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Miksch, secretary