

Rochester Figure Skating Club
Board of Directors meeting
April 26, 2010

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

Staff Present: Debbie Colgan,, Paul Paprocki

Guests: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm.

Secretary's Report- Chris made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting as read. Second by Dawn. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report- The testing registrations for the Hiawathaland test session went into the Hiawathaland Competition budget instead of testing. It will be corrected. ATA gave a list of 30 names for all staff. Marne will contact all to tell them we are going to direct deposit their paychecks. Ann Made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Chris. Approved by all.

Skating Director's Report- The off ice room is ours again until the Ice Hawks begin next season. Paul is concerned the sound proofing of the new boards on the south rink will be inadequate. The Rec Center does not have the funds to improve the sound proofing, but perhaps the club does.

Junior Club Report- Numbers are down this session. We made a higher profit than expect last session, so the impact of low numbers this session may be lessened. Finalizing summer schedule with Ice & Rules.

Coaches Liaison- Great show! Dates for next year are April 15-17, 2011.

TCFSA Report - During show week so delegates did not attend.

Agenda modifications

1. Tim made a motion to add a discussion of the off-ice trainer. Second by Ginger. Approved by all.
2. Tim made a motion to discuss the stipend for the intermediate team for having gone to nationals. Second by Lynn. Approved by all.
3. Marne made a motion to discuss the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund. Second by Dawn. Approved by all.
4. Lynn made a motion to discuss a permanent display of staff photos. Second by Kari. Approved by all.

Continuing Business

1. Volunteer Policy- Michael has discussed with Gina. Hours are being updated. Dawn requested new volunteer form be available in June.
2. Star of the North- Jodi emailed that she has eight judges. Debbie sent two mistakes on the level requirements to Jodi to send to SOTN to correct. Marne reported the sanction should come later that week.
3. Olivia Clark Memorial Plaque- Lynn took Kristin to the store. After seeing some plaques on display, Kristin would like add more photos.
4. Hardship Fund- Debbie suggests a small committee be formed to get together to research other groups' funds and propose to the Board.

5. Annual Meeting plans- Chris reported that the banquet will be held on May 16th from 6:30-8pm at Zumbro Lutheran Church.
6. Ice Show Updates- Ticket sales were \$18,541. Attendance was 3,217.
7. Synchro Mids Competition- Ann would like to form a committee to look into how to split profits from big fundraisers. She would like to see more line items on the budget with income and expenses reported. The logo chosen for the event was shown.
8. Summer Ice Schedule- Updated draft of the schedule was distributed. Minor corrections will be made. Hope to have out next week.
9. Database Documentation- Tim reported that he is still in discussions with Fred. He is willing to do the documentation and feels it would be about two months of work. He would like to trade his work for Rec Center ice. Michael said he may have some documentation at home from when he chaired the Equipment Committee.
10. Board Nominee Search- Gina Eisenach, Karla Arndt, and Andi Harmon-Kulzer have said they will run for the Board. Eric or Jodi Johnson may also run.
11. Hosting competitions- Discussion was postponed.

New Business

1. Assistant Synchro Coach- Tim recused himself from the discussion. Ginger led. Vikki Sent a letter to the Board requesting hiring Elizabeth Peschges as an assistant coach. Vikki joined the meeting and answered questions. The two current high school coaches do not have a contract and their job description says "until the end of the season." One would stay on through the summer to help with beginner team. Kristina's hours would not change. Wayne would like the job offered to the current staff coaches first. Kari made a motion to agree to change the assistant synchro coach to Elizabeth with the provision that no other current coaches want the position at \$28 per hour with 10% holdback. Second by Wayne. Approved by five board members. Four members abstained. Approved. Motion carries.
2. TCFSA Stipend Match- Tim made a motion to match \$250 to Shannon Brakke for competing at sectionals. Second by Chris. Approved. 1 abstention.
3. Wayne made a motion to match \$500 to the intermediate team for competing at nationals. Second by Chris. Approved. 1 abstention. {Later it was discovered that the TCFSA give \$750 to the synchro teams. Tim asked by email for any discussion on changing the matching amount. \$750 accepted.}.

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4. Lettering exceptions- Discussion was cancelled. Coaches will make decisions.
5. Junior Board Candidates- The ten members not graduating are coming back to the Board. Sign up is this week. Working on Shindy Shandy Award policy. They would like the history. Dawn has been emailing one of the former members who started the award.
6. Off-ice trainer- Chris reported the current off-ice trainer, Jenny, is moving. Jenny was brought in by Jamie Santee three years ago for off-ice conditioning. Jenny had recommended Nick Brewer, who began subbing for Jenny this year. The kids love him and he is very motivational and excited to be working with them. However, he is not certified and does not have liability insurance. He previously lived in Lebanon and was certified there. A copy of his resume was circulated.

Paul reported the new assistant coach for the Ice Hawks may be interested in being a mentor. He will check into it. Tim said Jamie Santee should tell Nick we need him to have insurance and be certified. The Board will move forward as if it's a new position. Tim and Chris will contact Jamie. Ice & Rules will write a job description.

7. Intermediate team stipend- Tim recused himself from the discussion. Paul suggested making a donation to the team this year, as the Board had done last year. The travel costs were not as high as last year due to the competition being held in Minneapolis instead of Maine. Wayne made a motion to approve \$1700 to the intermediate team. Second by Dawn. Approved by 4. 5 abstained. Motion carries.

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8. U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund- Marne received notice that donors can make a restricted donation to the fund and have 90% go to a designated club. Our fund was about to expire. Wayne made a motion to continue to keep the fund open. Second by Ginger. Approved by all.
9. Coaching Staff display- Discussion postponed.

Wayne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kari.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Miksch, secretary