

ST. ALBERT SKATING CENTRE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, September 12, 2011 – Called to order at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Elizabeth Newnham, Rea Polanski, Devan Nychka, Margot Leclair Upfold, Nicole Thomlinson, Shauna Nordstrom, Lauren Wiltzon, Debra McLennan, Debbie Dyck, Susan Kasawski, Alison Garwasiuk, Peggy Dugan, Kendra Sexsmith, Tracey Leslie, Lianna Caskey, Tamara Cluff, Perry Kozma.

Chair: Elizabeth Newnham

Minute Taker: Rea Polanski

Changes to Agenda

1. Picture Day – Kendra
2. PR position on the Board – Elizabeth

Approval of changes to agenda – Moved by Debra, Seconded by Peggy

Approval/Changes to Minutes

Moved by Kendra, Seconded by Devan

Old Business

1. Binders – Elizabeth handed out and updates given.
2. Amy's Raise – Still waiting for contracts to be signed by coaches.
3. Coaches rate increase and contracts – Elizabeth implemented Skate Canada raises in contracts. Pat Bonello wants to meet with 2 Board Members. Elizabeth and Lianna will meet with her. We pay coaches \$4/hr more for group lessons than Skate Canada recommends but only for Full Time Coaches or someone that has been with the club 10 years or more. This policy is new and will be implemented next year to give notice to coaches.

Financial Report – Debra

1. Casino Account – 1,600.00
2. Bingo Account – 10,188.20
3. General Account – 52,574.96 GIC was rolled into account

4. Savings Account – 5,005.69

5. GIC – 20,200

6. GIC – 15,000

Heidi filed Fed. Tax Return

Test Chair Report – Lianna

The last low test day was on July 22/11. We had 6 tests from our club do the High test with 5/6 passing. For the Low test we had 10/13 pass.

The proposed dates for a Low Test Day this season are: Nov. 13, Dec. 18, Feb.12, Mar. 18, or April 29. We have ice booked to host a centralized High Test day on March 10, 2012.

Director's Report – Devan

1. Summer Recap – Devan was pleased with the overall summer. Deb and Devan went to Canmore for 10 days. Devan brought back ideas for stroking/edges and group lessons and is working with other coaches with these ideas to provide continuity in teaching. Devan also went to Summer skate in B.C. with 2 skaters. It was good to see what other skaters/coaches doing in programs. August was good for professional development.

2. Summer Budget – See Balance Sheet

3. Registration Update – Purchasers are Amy, Elizabeth, Devan and Lianna.

Payment s – People want to be able to do online payments when registering and paying with a credit card in person at registration or in the office.

Devan and Elizabeth looking into costs for this system. We need to move forward for next year. Possibly by spring.

4. Competition – 1. Dez Family – wants to be photographer for competition. It was agreed that we would like the photographer from the Okotoks Competition who is from Kamloops. Peggy to follow up and contact this Photographer. 2. Leeann from Gold Medal wants to have a table and this was agreed to.

5. Devan checked bills with Telus – now saving \$25/month

6. Subsidizing our out of region competitions for Coaches – currently we cover coaches expenses at Sectionals and the Starskate championships. Devan also went to Summerskate and covered his own expenses. He is asking the Board whether the Club

will cover these expenses or whether these costs are passed on to the parents of the skaters that attend these out of town competitions. It was decided to leave this for a discussion at the next Board Meeting.

7. Springsational Competition – Competition Contact – Elizabeth, Registration Contact – Kendra, Equipment Contact – Perry.

Information Items/New Business

1. Suggestion Box – Debbie

Parents looking for a way to ask questions. They can place questions in the box in the office door. Devan will post this in the next newsletter.

2. Display Case – Possible Trophy case again. We need to approach Servus. Elizabeth to follow up on.

3. Classical Music – Debbie Parents wondering why classical music is being played more than just Sundays. Devan will discuss at orientation and newsletter.

4. Fundraising :

a) Load o' liquor – Debbie. Deb bought a cooler and needs booze in it. Send email for booze donations. Look to start by Thanksgiving.

b) Silpada Jewellery – Elizabeth. Will do fundraisers and will give 25%. Possibility for competitions and or an earlier fundraiser. Table for Oct meeting.

c) Bingos – Elizabeth. Motion to continue with Bingos. All Approved.

5. SASC website – Elizabeth. Update and make more current. Tamara and Peggy to look into students that might be able to help with this.

6. Define SASC vision/goals both short and long term.

Table until Oct – Kendra, Peggy, Elizabeth, Devan and Tamara to meet before Oct. Mandate of Club from May 2007 - "SASC will strive to be a self-sustaining, growing club whose members have a passion for the sport of skating and create a fun and nurturing environment for all".

7. Picture Day – Sept 20 @ SDI. 5:30 Jr, 6:00 JumpStart, 6:45 Int & Sr

8. PR Person – Need someone to fulfill

Meeting adjourned @ 8:59 PM.

Next meeting: Monday Oct 3, 7:30-9:00 PM in Sobey's Room.