



*Board Meeting Minutes
At Manotick Arena Meeting Room*

*Feb 9, 2011
7:15pm*

Attendance: Carolyn, Denise, Brandi, Steven, Mike and Zaiqing

Approval of Agenda Feb 09, 2011 Approved

Approval Minutes Jan 12, 2010 Approved

Registration Update Denise

Denise is to try SkateCanada Online Registration polie program, and Carolyn is to get a feel from parent point of view.

It is preferred to leave CanSkate online registration as is, maybe consider using SkateCanada online registration for StarSkate. There is a concern about the workload of one person doing registrations for both streams.

Test Day Update Donna
100% pass

Shiverfest Update Peggy

The RSC skating was done at indoor rink. The event organizer may consider to have this indoor skating of RSC showcase as a permanent event for the Shiverfest .

Special Events Carolyn

1. EOSIC & Canada Winter Games Update : under budget, got two free cakes donated by local bakery, had many positive feedbacks.
2. Trillium Sendoff – according to policy, sendoff and token gift are not listed (just expenses): Not going to have one.
3. Review of Skater Recognition Policy from working group: To be worked on by the subcommittee and presented to the board.

Coaches Agenda Items Brandi

1. Seminar:
Clear state that ice time may vary between groups. The qualifying jump for the seminar is lowered. Consider to invite demo skaters to showcase.
 - a. Update on Pylons: 40 needed, also need s TV and DVD player.
 - b. Update on Instructors
 - c. Discussion on registration fees/budget: Brandi to provide a proposal for discussion.
2. Discussion about possible uses of the 11:30-12:30 hour next season: Board agreed to use this ice time for CanSkate.

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3. Update on Off Ice on Saturday March 26th: needs to be changed to 1 hour earlier to accommodate the 9am start time so we need to confirm with the City and Dylan/Marie-Helene the new times and change our rental agreement for the Hall accordingly: Need to contact Dylan about this.
4. Nomination process for awards: Changes to process?
A board member will participate coaches' discussion as an observer. The coaches will recommend nominees to board for final approval. This applies to sectional level and above award nominations only. There is no change to club award nomination process.
5. Pilot Project for new Pre-Juniors for next year - 2 suggestions from the coaches
 - a. Pilot Project # 1: to introduce potential skaters from the CanSkate level on the 4 Mondays and Thursdays and 3 Fridays in March. Basically keep the ice as open ice for anyone who wanted to skate from our starskate programs and also have any new ones from CanSkate (with stage 3) on for either private or semi-private lessons. We could work out a cost that is low enough to entice the parents of the new skaters without the club losing too much money, as hopefully this would promote those skaters to be PreJuniors next year, so in the long run the club would gain. My thoughts were that parents would be willing to pay \$120~130 or so the 11 sessions... so far we have 8~9 interested. We'd need a PA on the ice as well. Part of the attraction for these young skaters would be to have more advanced skaters on the ice as well, which is why I think we need to keep it open to guest skating too.
 - b. Pilot Project # 2 is to have a shorter trial period during a session where all the Rideau coaches can attend and have the skaters rotate through the coaches stations. Giving them not only a trial for the program we are recommending next year but also gives them an opportunity to work with all the coaches and better be able to choose the coach that best meets their needs. This has worked well at other clubs in our area.

After discussion, the decision is to offer 3 packages: A for Monday, B for Thursday and C for Friday.

6. Spring Ice: Did we submit a request? If so have we received our ice time allocation?
Yes, Friday Jim Durrell arena May 20th to June 24th 4-7pm
7. Badges for next year: requesting approval to change to new badges next year: Approved to go for the new ones
8. Special Events Memo: Discussion on possibly sending this from the club email announcing the upcoming special events and the eligibility requirements to ensure everyone receives the same information. Coaches have drafted notice: Brandi to send the note to Zaiqing who will send from club email.

Publicity & Marketing

Dan

1. Shiverfest

- Thanks to all those skaters who participated.
- A special thank you to Donna and Angela for dealing with all the last minute problems and making the show happen while I was away in Arnprior.
- There has been some initial discussion regarding a planned move of the ice show from the outdoor rink to the indoor rink, and changing the show date to Friday night rather than

Saturday during the day. This will make RSC a "permanent" component of the yearly festivities.

- Last week, I had some informal discussions with some of the coaches regarding the movement indoors. The obvious concerns which I voiced to them are: a) what ice time will be used for the show and will it impact their lessons, and b) who would organize the show.
- First of all, I am in full support of a regular scheduled yearly show. The skaters love it, it's fun, it develops a sense of community, and it is good publicity for the club.
- Secondly, I commit to doing what I can to help make the event happen.
- On a final note, I am still hoping to see a few pictures of our skaters in the EMC News. None were in the Manotick Messenger and one photo of a skater (very small and cannot see who they are) is on the Manotick village site in the Shiverfest album. I was hoping to see a bit more recognition of the club. This issue will be raised with Shiverfest organizers if we are going to continue to make the level of commitment necessary to pull off this annual show.

2. Skater recognition Policy

- I accept the policy as prepared by Donna.
- I did present an alternate version to the working group but the majority felt that sticking with the current expense refund model was best for now.
- Basically, the alternate version presented a fixed \$ award, set by the board, directly to the skater, at the annual meeting. I did not pursue whether \$'s would even be possible due to SC/EOS rules, but this \$ value could be replaced by a skating credit to skaters account and a token gift. I hoped that this approach would simplify the administration of the awards.

3. Competitive Skater Nomination

- The coaches are best suited for the role of determining and nominating the competitive skater(s).
- The board must retain oversight of the process of how the selection is made and be advised in advance of formal announcement of who is selected.

Other business

Need to recruit new Board members for next season

Adjournment