

BFSC BOARD MINUTES FROM 1-3-10

Members present: Maria Adcock, Angie Batchelor, Linda Beamon, Dawn DeCarlo, Judee Evans, Kim Hardwick, Robin Lorenz, Heather Mumper, Beth Noble, and Tracy Spradling

Members absent: Chris Demotte, Becca Guthrie, Karen Litwiniec, Elisa Rush, and John Walters

The minutes from November's meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Robin Lorenz): We received a letter from the IRS stating that we owed \$1360.11 in penalties for a late filing of our 2008 taxes. The fact that the previous treasurer had not filed these taxes had been explained to the IRS in a phone conversation, and the BFSC had been given permission to file late. When the return was received, this information had apparently not been recorded in the IRS file. Robin Lorenz sent a certified letter to the IRS detailing our previous phone conversations and instructions from the IRA and asking for us to be forgiven for this penalty. The BFSC accountant (Susan Smith) has counseled us that the IRS will probably forgive this penalty, as we were given verbal permission for a late filing. Susan Smith will have our 2009 taxes filed by January 15th, 2010.

Susan Smith has done our taxes for both the 2008 and 2009 years as a volunteer. Robin made a motion, which was passed, that the club pay for Susan and Abbie Smith's 2010-2011 memberships in recognition of this contribution to our club. Susan Smith has indicated that her accounting firm will not be able to do this work for free in the future, so Robin also suggested that we need to budget money for someone to do the club's taxes every year. She will get an estimate of the cost for next year's BFSC Budget.

The board also discussed, made a motion, and passed the motion that it is the responsibility of the out-going treasurer to have all the documents together and taken to the accountant so the taxes can be finished in an appropriate time frame. Our tax year is the same as our board year - June 1 to May 31. Therefore taxes have to be filed by Oct 15 of each year, unless an extension is filed.

Southern Magic Treasurer's Report (Kim Hardwick) Southern Magic's bank balance is \$3490.81. The majority of this money is earmarked for the bus to take the team to Iowa, coach and bus driver hotel expenses plus other travel expenses associated with attending Midwestern Synchronized Sectionals in Cedar Rapids.

Test Chair Report (Beth Noble) Beth will be stepping down from her position as Test Chair at the end of the current board year. We need to look at who will fill this critical position. Current board member and judge, Karen Litwiniec, was suggested as a possible chair. Karen would have the necessary judge contacts to bring in for test sessions. If Karen is not interested in assuming this position, we will need to have someone shadow the current test chair during the upcoming test session (3/7/2010) to begin learning the job. In addition to the March test session we will again have a test session associated with the Magic City Ice Classic in September, 2010.

Other Committee Reports:

Membership (Dawn DeCarlo) No new members to report. Kim brought up the point that we need more involvement from our membership and mentioned that we might consider structuring our dues to allow for a discount for members that contribute their time to club activities. Several other clubs have this type of membership structure. The board will take this under consideration and will need to decide before club renewal month.

Activity Committee (Linda Beamon) reported that we will have our National Learn to Skate Month event on Sunday, February 21st from 3:30pm-5:00pm. We will invite the public and have the ice for an hour. Regional, Sectional and National level competitors have been asked to exhibit, they are: Loren Roth (National Solo Ice Dance), Heather Hardman & Preston Culpepper (South Eastern Great Lakes Regionals), Southern Magic Open Juv and Pre-Juv (Sectional Competitors). Classes from the Pelham Skating School and the Pelham Skating School beginner sychro teams will also perform an exhibition. At meeting time, Linda was still trying to figure out if the club could have a gathering to watch some of Nationals later in January.

Skater Incentive Program (Robin Lorenz) Nothing to report. Kim is going to send a reminder out that the club year is half over, so those wanting to participate in the plan need to get their volunteer hours in.

Basic Skills Competition Committee (Kim Hardwick) A coaching package has been worked out with Danny to enable skate school kids that don't have a private coach to participate in Blades in 'Bama. Karen Litwinec and Betty Bostwick are going to be judges for the event. A judge that is coming in early for the Sunday test session could serve as the third judge.

Fundraising Committee (Chris Demotte and John Walters) We will be having a consignment sale on Saturday, February 7th from 9:00-11:00. Kim and Judee are in-charge of the sale. Kim will send out an announcement asking for volunteers to help. Igive is working well for the club as a fund raiser. We need to keep reminding people when they are ordering on line to use Igive. We may also be able to sell the dasher boards on the practice rink as a fundraiser. Alabama Hockey has been selling the boards on the main rink to finance their ice time. Kim would like for the club to put up a dasher board – she told the board that you can purchase a board from the USFSA with your club name on it for \$115, but we would have to install it ourselves. We can purchase one through the PCC for \$200, installed. Kim will check with the USFSA to see how the dasher board is to be installed to determine if we can do it.

Bridge Program Committee (Maria Adcock) Maria reported that the Bridge Program is averaging 4 to 5 skaters per week. Eric Brandley, Danny, and Maria have been Bridge coaches. Having the class at the same as adult classes seems to be working out okay.

Bulletin Boards (Carla Hardman) Carla has asked to be relieved of Bulletin Board duty. We will need to find someone to fill this job; however, in the interim, Michelle Badgley will do a board on the sychro teams' trip to Michigan.

Competition Committee MCIC (various) Kim report that she is continuing to work on the announcement for September's MCIC.

Board Liaison Reports:

Junior Board Liaison (Tracy Spradling) Tracy reported that the Junior Board will be meeting February 7th. They will help with the National Learn to Skate event and they will be selling stuffed animals at Blades in 'Bama as a fundraiser.

Synchro Liaison (Tracy Spradling) Tracy reported on the Open Juv and Pre-Juv trip to the Dr. Porter Classic in Michigan. Kim pointed out that Tracy had done a great job of the arrangements for the trip.

Other Business:

The board would like to see a more 'parent friendly' summer clinic or camp on the calendar to allow working parents to plan their child's summer. There is concern that the PCC summer calendar is filling up rapidly. Kim will get with Danny and discuss ideas for a camp/clinic.

We still want to keep Special Olympics on our future list of to dos.

Submitted by:

Judee Evans

Secretary