

Birmingham Figure Skating Club - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - July 7, 2008

Board Members Attending: Robin Lorenz, Beth Noble, Carla Hardman, Diana Deavers, Kim Hardwick, Elisa Rush, Tracy Spradling, Dodi Jacobi, Megan Wyatt, Linda Beamon.

Absent: Karen Litwiniec, Shari Hanby, Anna Wong, Penny Standridge & Payge Chambliss.

1. **Minutes:** Board Minutes from June 4th meeting were distributed to Board for review and approval. Motion was made by Linda Beamon to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Anna was not in attendance, but reported that most of the membership checks had been deposited in the amount of \$6,051. Anna has not received any bank statements yet. Former Treasure, Beth Noble, reported that the statements were still being mailed to her house, but are in Anna's name. Beth distributed finance reports from 2007 and 2008 which reflect losses for the 2007-2008 club year. The losses are mainly due to hosting two banquets that were subsidized by the Club (venue rental, trophies, pins, etc.)

Committee chairs are asked to review last year's income/expense breakdown and submit a proposal for income/expenses for their committee. Email proposed amounts to Robin. The proposed budget will be discussed and voted upon at the August meeting.

3. **Test Session:** June 22, 2008: 85% of the participants passed. The final financials on the session are not available yet since PCC has not submitted a bill for ice, ballet room usage and copies. Beth estimates the session will have lost the club \$300.

The next test session will take place in the Fall- probably mid- October and will be for low level skaters. The next full test session will be scheduled in or near February 2009. It was discussed that this test session might be held in conjunction with Blades In Bama. If done together, the club could bring in higher judges and include higher levels of competition. The combination of the two events could also help off-set costs.

4. **Committee Reports:**

a. **Membership:** Tracy reported we have approximately 140 members: 22 new; 5 transfer members and 113 renewals. New members were voted upon and all were approved. ALL BOARD MEMBERS MUST BE MEMBERS!

Tracy also reported we were losing money on some memberships due to a rate increase by USFS that went into effect July 2008. The notice of the rate increase was sent to the former membership chair and the Board was not advised of the increase prior to publicizing membership drive. The Board reviewed a report comparing membership prices for other clubs in our region and determined we are one of the lowest. In order to cover the increase from USFS, the Board discussed raising membership prices as follows:

Full (\$85), Additional Skater (\$60), Parent (\$30), Judges, etc (\$45), Non-skater (\$40), Other primary Club (\$45). The Board voted on the suggested increase and it was approved. New rates will go into effect August 1, 2008. Current forms will be updated and notices will be posted.

b. **Sanctions:** Bidding for 2010 Synchro Nationals has begun.

c. **Activity:** Swim party is scheduled for July 12 at Chandalar Pool and is for BFSC MEMBERS ONLY.

d. **Volunteer:** Less than half of the membership forms collected thus far have the volunteer information completed. Tracy will provide committee with volunteer information.

- e. Skater Incentive: This program is only available to members who renew by August 1, 2008. Since Club social is included in requirements, there will be a check in at the Swim party.
- f. Basic Skills Competition: Kim is hoping to schedule this competition in Feb. 2009 and as discussed earlier, hopefully it will be coordinated with a Test Session and may include skating levels higher than Basic Skills.
- g. Fundraising: It was suggested that a Consignment Sale not be held until the maintenance on the rink is completed and the Skate School starts classes.
- h. Newsletter: It was suggested that the newsletter be edited to include dates for Winter Wonderland.
- i. Awards: Carla and Anna will forward a summary of the past two banquets.
- j. Publicity & Marketing: Discussion included areas the club should send press releases: print, media, radio. Specifically we need to send press releases regarding Club activities such as Winter Wonderland, Basic Skills Competition and Skater Accomplishments.
- k. Bridge Program Committee: No update.
- l. Parent Committee: Kim will be setting up meetings to educate parents on skating and what is involved with skate school levels, private lessons, ice time etc.
- m. Club Historian Committee: Carla has started to compile general club information from past years. She is looking for information on snychro.
- n. Website Committee: The board discussed updating the website and adding member names. Board is requested to review the site and offer suggestions. Diana suggested including club members pictures on the website. To do so we would need signed releases from every member-to be discussed later.
- o. Competition Committee: No report
- p. Sunshine Committee: Linda sent cards to Jennifer Kenski and the Evans family. Linda requested to we keep her updated on situations we hear about or know about. Linda would prefer to be notified via telephone during the school year since she does not check the email daily.

6. Board Liaisons:

- a. Junior Board: No report.
- b. Coach Liaison: Board is looking for a coach to serve as a liaison to the Board. Kris Hipolito was mentioned for the position.

7. Old Business:

- a. 501(c)(3) status: BFSC is listed as a 501(c)(3) but we need to request proof of non-profit status. Robin will check with Brian Kenski who did the club's taxes.
- b. Bulletin Board: Carla will be in charge of bulletin boards. Megan will assist.
- c. Membership Renewals: already discussed
- d. USFS Board Education Seminar: NEXT MEETING
- e. Bylaw Statement: Next meeting Board members will be asked to sign an acknowledgement that they have read and understand the Club's bylaws.

8. New Business:

- a. Club Jackets: Club jackets will be ordered once again this year. A member had requested a new jacket design similar to Atlanta's Club jackets, however, the board decided to keep the current style for at least 3 years.

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD AT 4:30PM. LOCATION: TBD