

## Minutes BFSC Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, August 9, 2009 @ 4:00PM

Members Present: Kim Hardwick, Tracy Spradling, Robin Lorenz, Beth Noble, Maria Adcock, Angie Batchelor, Linda Beamon, Chris DeMotte, Karen Litwiniec, John Walters

Members Absent: Judee Evans, Dawn DeCarlo, Becca Guthrie, Heather Mumper, Elisa Rush

The meeting was called to order by Kim Hardwick (President) at 4:05PM. The minutes from the July 21, 2009 BFSC Board meeting were approved.

A treasurer's report was given by Robin Lorenz. The BFSC ended the month with \$17,375.86 in the checking account. The majority of payments and checks received this month were for membership fees. We did receive \$250 in test fees from the July 18, 2009 test session. The expenses of this session were \$60, so the club made \$190. Kim Hardwick reported that the Southern Magic Synchro account had \$1399.00. Kim Hardwick announced that the Board would like to set the 2009-2010 budget by the next Board meeting. Robin will re-provide the expenses of the last two years so that committee chairs can be prepared with a budget estimate by the next meeting (September).

Beth Noble reported that our recent "mini" test session was successful and made \$190. She noted that since the test session was on freestyle ice, the testers were required by PCC to sign in and pay for a freestyle session. The BFSC executive board voted to refund this fee (\$8) to each skater. These checks have already been mailed to the participating skaters. Beth also noted that we are planning on having a test session with MCIC. It is currently scheduled for Saturday, Sept 12 – 10am-4pm. One concern with this test session and the MCIC competition is that many BFSC coaches are currently not registered with USFS. Maria Adcock indicated that she would remind the coaches at the upcoming PCC coaches meeting. Test applications are due 8-22-09 (Sat). Beth will get with Eva Shepard (PCC) to set up another test session in Feb/March 2010.

Linda Beamon (Activity Cmt) reported that the recent pool party (8/7/09) was a great success. The cost was \$70 (\$50 for pool rental and \$20 for the lifeguard). Linda also donated. 19 skaters (and their families) attended the social. Linda Beamon also donated a candy basket for a raffle. The raffle was won by Beth Noble and raised \$32 for the club. The next social is our Halloween skate on 10/25/09 (5-6 ice, 6-7 pizza), For February the activity committee is planning either Valentines (2/7) OR National skating week (2/20, and also maybe a Nationals party – Jan 14-24.

Beth Noble (Skater Incentive Program Cmt) reported that 11 skaters applied for the \$2000 allotted for this program by last year's BFSC Board. One of these skaters was not eligible because she didn't attend enough BFSC functions and was not a member in time; another one was not eligible because she didn't attend functions. The average range for the 9 skaters who received monies was \$94.49 to \$362.20. The BFSC board voted on several changes for next year, including that in order to be eligible, members had to have their membership renewed by the pool party (8/7) for 2009 and that this date would be July 31 in future years, that participation in the Junior Board would only count as one point, that points would be per competition (note per event), and that proof of participation in club functions or volunteer opportunities would be the responsibility of the skater/skater's family. The BFSC will provide receipt

books to all board members for use to document volunteer hours by BFSC members. Robin (Lorenz) will provide attendance forms to document attendance at social functions.

Kim Hardwick (Basic Skills Cmt) reported that the date for the Blades in 'Bama Basic Skills competition is tentatively March 7, 2010. This does not conflict with the Magnolia competition (March 11-13).

John Walters and Chris Demotte volunteered to chair the fundraising committee. There will be a consignment sale on 8/22 (9-11am). Kim will check with the PCC to make sure they have approved the fundraising policy for non-profits holding events at the rink (i.e. the non-profit will pay the PCC 10% of net income and the PCC in return will provide tables and chairs). Robin will make the changes recommended to the consignment sale rules (i.e. that the seller needs to provide a SASE and a list of all items brought for sale). These will be used to account for items sold and to send the seller's check from the profits.

It was discussed that Jennifer Kenski (Newsletter) did an excellent job with our most recent newsletter. One BFSC member approached the board with a question about putting ads in the newsletter. The board discussed setting a standard ad rate and/or having the business do an in kind donation. This was tabled for further discussion at the next board meeting. All board members should pass along any ideas for the newsletter to Jennifer.

Chris DeMotte (Publicity and Marketing Committee Chair) brought up the idea of perhaps stuffing backpacks at local schools with information about the PCC and the BFSC. No decision was made, but ideas are needed for discussion at future board meetings. Chris will start by discussing the possibility of a combined handout with hockey. Perhaps PCC could offer a free skate during National Skating Week.

Maria Adcock (Bridge Program Committee Chair) indicated that she needs to see fall ice times from the PCC before she can schedule this program for 2009-2010.

It was discussed that the Parent Committee still needs a chair. This committee usually helps out new parents during the initial sessions of the PCC skate school.

It was reported that we have still not put up the bulletin board for the BFSC banquet as we are awaiting pictures from Deaver's photography. The club will pay for photos from the banquet for the bulletin board (\$30). This is at cost.

The report from the Magic City Ice Classic is that we currently have 82 entries for a total of 145 events.

It was discussed that two BFSC members and/or their family members have had injuries or been ill-William Evans, Josie Gregg. Kim Hardwick will send out cards.

#### Reports from other Board Liaisons

- PCC Liaison (Eva Shepard) – Kim Hardwick reported that Eva would appreciate ideas on how to improve the skate school. Chris DeMotte suggested that they need to advertise. He also suggested selling ads on the boards. Another suggestion was doing some lessons that are not 1:1, maybe 3:1 ,etc. Also, we reinforce that skaters need to practice also – don't just come when in lesson. It has been written in figure skating magazines that skaters should practice 30 minutes for every 15-minute lesson. Think about your or your child's experience and how it could be better.

- The liaisons to the Junior Board (John Walters and Tracy Spradling) reported that the first meeting will be Sunday, Aug 30 at Dairy Queen at 2:00PM. In order to get skater incentive points for Junior Board participation, the skater must attend the majority of the meetings.
- The synchro liaison (Tracy Spradling) reported that the teams still deciding whether to go to Michigan for a competition, because it may conflict with the PCC Ice Show. Teams are starting practice this week. They are selling Coupon books as a fundraiser.

Kim Hardwick indicated that she could include any information in the weekly announcements. She will include 'Distribution language' on any correspondence from club to the full membership, stating that this is for club use only, not to be shared. In general, all e-mails to this distribution list should go through Kim, so that the members do not get too much e-mail per week.

Recorded by Robin Lorenz (for Judee Evans)