Birmingham Figure Skating Club - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Sept. 7, 2008

Board Members Attending: Robin Lorenz, Kim Hardwick, Megan Wyatt, Linda Beamon, Elisa Rush, Payge Chambliss, Carla Hardman, Shari Hanby, Diana Deavers, Karen Litwiniec, Tracy Spradling.
Absent: Dodi Jacobi, Anna Wong, Beth Noble

1. **Meeting Called To Order.**

2. **Minutes:** Board Minutes from August 3rd meeting were distributed to the Board via email prior to the meeting for review. Motion was made by Shari Hanby to approve minutes and seconded. Minutes were approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**
   a. Current Financial Status: Anna was out of town, but reports for the July and August (2008) checking were passed out for review. There was an unclear charge from USFS in the amount of $70. Tracy said it could be for 2 memberships. Balance as of 9/7/08: $21,890. Report was approved.

   b. Budget Plans 2008-2009: Board voted on Proposed Budget as it appeared in the Minutes from August 3rd meeting.

4. **Test Chair Report:** Beth Noble was not in attendance.
   a. TEST DATE: **10/26//08**- will offer testing opportunities for pre-pre through juvenile provided that Betty is available. Since it will be for lower level skaters, the session will only take the afternoon.
   b. NEXT TEST DATE: **3/8/08**- will be a FULL test session for most levels.

5. **Committee Reports:**
   a. Membership: Following memberships were approved Gills, Denise Walters, Leonards, Lohans.

   Tracy has prepared the membership information for the directory. Tracy was unsure about formatting the information so it could be in the same style as in the past. Shari suggested that we email the directory and only print ones for those who do not have email. A copy will also be made for the skate school and the purple folder.

   b. Sanctions: A survey was sent out to help find a name for our competition (**SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2009**). 21 people voted and the overall results were in favor of the competition being named *"The Magic City Classic."* Board voted approved name. Other names considered: Heart of Dixie Skating Challenge and Birmingham Ice Classic, Magic City Open, and Skate Birmingham. The Club still needs the following for the competition: Logo, Competition Chair (suggestions were for Linda Leonard and Kim Hardwick), and Competition Forms.
   c. Activity: **SATURDAY, OCT. 18 5:45-7:45** the ice has been reserved for the event, but the Ballet Room has not been reserved. Robin will check the book. The Ballet room is needed from 5:30 until 8 so there will be enough time for set up and clean up.
   d. Volunteer: Beth is setting up a database for volunteers.
   e. Skater Incentive: Kim has started giving receipts for volunteer hours. The carbon portion should be returned to Beth Noble. We need to begin keeping a list of criteria for volunteer hours. Hours have been given for the following: parents helping with skate school, skaters helping lower skaters, and skaters helping with lower synchro. Other possibilities: Junior Board, Consignment Sale, Blades in Bama. All hours must be approved as qualifying for program before the event takes place.
   f. Basic Skills Competition: **SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009** *Main Rink*
   Practice Ice will be prior to event as well as the night before. Night before times will be given to local skaters and out of town competitors will receive practice ice on the day of the event. Practice Ice needs to be on the main rink if possible.
   g. Fundraising: Ideas- *Chick-Fil- A*: sell cheesecakes, calendars, chicken biscuits and/or sandwiches. *Up the Creek* offers a Pancake Breakfast opportunity and the group does not have to do the cooking! It was suggested that we check with the *Barron's* for what opportunities they offer.
   h. Newsletter: Dodi sent a draft to Robin. Board discussed that we could not include information about the Pelham Mayoral Election since it could compromise our non-profit standing. Newsletter will come out this week.

i. Awards/Banquet: Competitions in the area that may conflict with the Banquet are as follows: April 24 or May 2 / Nashville; May 9/Mother's Day; June 18-20/ Atlanta. Considering Saturday, April 18,2009 for the banquet.

j. Publicity & Marketing: Article appeared in the Over The Mountain Journal with picture from the swim party.

k. Bridge Program Committee: Bridge will take place on Saturdays from 11-12 during Oct-April. An information meeting is scheduled for Sept. 27. Full BFSC members can participate for free, however, they will need to sign in and pay for ice time. Junior Members will need to pay $35. Danny Tate will coordinate the coaches. Teaching subject or focus will be advertised one week prior. Skaters eligible are Basic 4 and up. Coaches will market the program to their students. Eric is hopeful that program will go further so we can assign mentor skaters. Program will focus on power training, edges, etc. Kim gave her bridge curriculum information that she received at the seminar to Danny. Shari will need membership forms. It was also suggested that we have a Bridge Program Brochure so that they can be given to skate school attendees.

l. Parent Committee: Kim and her helpers had a lot of fun helping young skaters lace their skates and find their coach. She displayed information about Winter Wonderland (played the DVD) and BFSC membership. She felt that it was very satisfying to help the parents and the kid volunteers had a great time too! She has received a lot of positive comments and plans to do this on the first class of each session.

m. Club Historian Committee: Carla has been sifting through the old club materials and has found minutes that go back to 1993.

n. Website Committee: The website has been updated and new test forms will be coming soon. Eventually we will need a committee to keep up with the website. Kim would like to see a page for the Synchro team.

o. Competition Committee: **SEPT. 11-13, 2009**- *discussed under sanctions.*

p. Sunshine Committee: Linda purchased a box of multipurpose cards.

q. Bulletin Board: Alex & Elisa passed their SENIOR moves test so Carla will feature them. This will be a new tradition for skaters who pass a senior test. The Junior Board has expressed an interest in helping with the boards.

6. Board Liaisons:

a. Junior Board: (Shari Hanby- Liaison)

16 skaters attended the first meeting. They will meet once per month directly before Board Meeting. They want to help with socials. At their next meeting they will make posters for the Oct. Club Night. They are still working on their goals, but want to pursue mentoring by helping the class skaters. They want the Oct. Club Night to be for members only. They are interested in doing a fundraiser and want to publicize their activities.

b. Coach Liaison: (Danny Tate- Liaison)- Danny did not attend meeting, but asked Robin to ask Board if he BFSC would be willing to accept the fees for the Winter Wonderland program (ad sales and program sales) so he could control funds. He would allow some of the funds to be used for the Cast Party. Not enough details were given as to who would be paying for the production of the program. NEED MORE INFORMATION before Board will approve.

c. Synchro Team Liaison: (Kim Hardwick-Liaison) Kim reported that the Synchro team has a lot of expenses and currently they do not have an official account to deposit funds and pay expenses from. Kim requested that funds be deposited through the BFSC account. The Board discussed having the Synchro Team open their own account and the BFSC would loan them $1500 to open and use as a buffer. The Board approved this loan.

d. ISI Liaison: Robin is seeking a liaison for ISI skating events. Megan and Chris Jones were suggested.

e. Liaison Criteria: Megan and Elisa will help set standards for liaisons to the BFSC.

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2008 AT 4:00PM PCC