

BFSC MINUTES FROM 10-4-09

Members present: Maria Adcock, Angie Batchelor, Dawn DeCarlo, Chris DeMotte, Judee Evans, Becca Guthrie, Kim Hardwick, Karen Litwiniec, Robin Lorenz, Beth Noble, Tracy Spradling, and John Walters
Members absent: Linda Beamon, Heather Mumper, and Elisa Rush

Minutes from August 9, 2009 passed.

In the treasure's report, Robin Lorenz stated that it looked like the Magic City Classic including the test session made about \$500. This was much better than the previous discussed scenarios of the event possibly losing a great deal of money.

The budget was discussed for next year. Robin will give us a list of what we decided upon at the next board meeting.

The Junior Board, which met before this board meeting, has planned the Halloween social. It is set for Sunday, October 25th. We now have to purchase the pizzas for our socials through the PCC, so members will have to RSVP for the Halloween social. Linda Beamon will have to turn in a count to the PCC by Friday, October 23rd. Kim Hardwick will remind members to RSVP in her weekly announcements. Paige Livengood was elected President, and Briganna Abernathy was elected Vice-President.

It was shared that Robert Mitchl's grandmother died. Judee Evans (Sunshine committee) will send him a sympathy card.

According to Chris Demotte (Publicity and Marketing), Eva Shepherd is interested in hanging banners in the rink advertising what the rink has to offer. She is also interested in selling advertising space on the boards. Chris also announced that he is working with the PCC to do some programs in elementary schools to raise awareness of the rink and the offerings of the skating and hockey programs. His children attend Lake View Elementary, and the principal there already told him that they would allow an assembly. In addition, it was discussed that we could maybe get Good Day Alabama to come out to the rink again (maybe during the Olympics) to raise awareness of skating in Alabama.

Susie Smith is still on working on the Club's taxes. She again is volunteering her time doing this.

Beth Noble reported that the test session at the Magic City Classic went well. The passing rate was good. March 6th or 7th were suggested as possible dates for the next test session.

The board voted and passed to have Marilyn Warth and John Zimmerman IV as honorary members.

Dawn DeCarlo is still working on the new membership directory. She reported that we have three new members Emily Taylor, Lauren Taylor (her mom), and John Zimmerman IV. They were all accepted by the Board.

Kim Hardwick brought up that January 2010 is National Skating Month. She has requested some of the things that USFSA has for clubs to use to publicize this fact. She suggested that the Board brainstorm about ideas of how we can play up National Skating Month.

Kim Hardwick also shared that the mayor is interested in the club trying to do some Special Olympics with ice skating lessons, etc. Lakeshore was suggested as a possible contact place. Dawn DeCarlo shared that she knew someone who might be able to help the BFSC put together something.

Becca Guthrie shared that many of the coaches are concerned that the skate school is not growing like it needs to be. Eva Shepherd suggested to her that she meet with the mayor about her concerns. Becca is planning on meeting with the mayor.

Chris DeMotte brought a fund raising idea for the board to vote on. It is \$5 tickets to Belks for their charity sale. The club gets to keep the entire \$5. The person who buys the ticket would receive \$5 off her purchase during the sale. The board voted to offer these tickets for our skaters to sell. The sale is November 7th. The tickets will be checked out from Robin Lorenz or Kim Hardwick. A parent has to check the tickets out.

Kim Hardwick noted that the August/September issue of Bladelines was recently distributed via e-mail. The board all agreed that Jennifer Kenski did a great job with this issue. It was discussed that since we post these newsletters on the web (and since we often get pictures of club functions in the newsletters) that in the future, we probably need to get permission to publish photos of our skaters. Robin will get a copy of the photo permission form from Vestavia School to use as a model.

Maria Adcock announced that the Bridge Program is starting on Monday, October 5, 2009. There have apparently been some concerns that this is on the same ice as the Adult Skating classes. Maria will report back on the numbers of skaters participating and if the ice time is working out at the next board meeting.

The Parent Committee still does not have a chair, so there was nothing to report.

The Magic City Ice Classic Competition Chair and Committee Chairs are planning on having a “de-brief” meeting to go over the final financials of the 2009 competition and to make plans for the 2010 competition. The PCC is holding September 10-12, 2010 as our tentative dates.

The coaches in attendance announced that the new skate school classes were starting Monday, October 5, 2009. They also wanted to make sure that the board knows that there is a new billing system being implemented, so there may be some minor problems while everyone is learning.

The Synchro Liaison (Tracy Spradling) announced that two teams (Open Juvenile and Pre-Juvenile) will be traveling this year. They plan on traveling to Michigan and Iowa for competitions. They are currently selling holiday greenery to raise monies for the trips. The revised Southern Magic Fundraising Policy was distributed to the board. After discussion, the board voted to implement the revised fundraising policy as written. The new policy takes effect immediately.

In new business, Becca Guthrie stated that she and several of the other coaches are interested in raising awareness of the ISI skating program at our rink. As was discussed, this board of directors is a USFSA organization, so publicity of the ISI program needs to be implemented through the PCC.

In other new business, it had been suggested (by Don Mumper) that we bid for the 2011 National Theater on Ice Competition. Note-the bid for this competition closes on November 1, 2009-so we would not be able to get a bid ready for 2011. This might be something to consider for 2010. The one problem is that it is believed that the current rules state that the hosting club has to have a Theater on Ice team-which the BFSC does not. The only bids currently open are for the 2011 National Showcase Event-which is due February 13, 2010.

Finally, it was discussed that our bylaws needed to be closely investigated to determine if any changes need to be made. Tracy and Kim will take on this responsibility and bring potential changes to the board at a future meeting.

As no further business was raised, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Judee Evans, secretary

And Robin Lorenz, treasurer