



Board Minutes
January 9, 2017
Okotoks Skating Club – Board of Directors
19:00 to 20:55 at Home Ground Coffee

Members Present: Melanie. H, Dave S, Christine W, Kerri R, Christy K, Yvonne N.

Regrets: Elissa W, Kenda G, Jayme S, Lindi C, Tara C.

Called to order: 19:10

1. Approval of Dec. Minutes: Dave moved to approve, Christine seconded.

2. Finance Update: Casino went well. There have been indicators that the current model may change in the next 2 -4 years. Impact may be that the Club will have to apply for bursaries.

Club lost money in December; money was used from casino funds to pay for ice.

Dave paid for membership in the Alberta Figure Skating Foundation for 2016 on December 22nd. Cost was \$80 for membership and made a donation of \$100 to the Foundation. Dave also paid for 2017 on January 2nd, membership again was \$80 and he made a larger donation of \$500 as the club had not donated for years prior to 2016.

Dave will be meeting with our bank to discuss GICs the Club holds. Dave wants to discuss the handling of the interest.

AGLC has sent a survey to Melanie to complete regarding the audit.

3. Medicine Hat: All but 5 skaters are participating in Medicine Hat.

With high number of skaters participating, there will be two simulations – January 22nd and 25th. Kerri is working on judges for the 22nd and will send out the schedules when ready. Will likely incorporate parent meeting on the 22nd. Skater photos will also be scheduled for these days.

Kerri has given up ice time due to the Medicine Hat competition on February 3rd and 5th. Kerri will circulate the schedule for the time retained on both days. PreCan and CanSkate will run regular sessions on February 4th.

4. Financial Assistance: Discussions on how to offer assistance to those in the Club in need. All in attendance agreed that a policy is needed to administer a bursary program. Other option of differing payment plans was also discussed.

Dave will research the bursary eligibility from AGLC funds.

Kerri will circulate Kidsport and Jump Start applications to group to review the information these programs require from applicants.

5. AGM: Review of all information gathered by Tara from D'Arcy and Lynwood. All agreed D'Arcy is best option for the AGM. Tara currently waiting to receive 2017 pricing and will forward it to the group.

Any ideas for ticket distribution, control and collections for this year can be sent to Tara.

Tara to find out cost of photos from Rob for AGM.

6. Thomas Williams: Thomas Williams has been seeking financial support for his training. As Thomas is a skater from our Club, Kerri would like to do what we can to help him out with his Olympic goals.

Kerri will approach Thomas on his availability for a possible clinic.

7. Sectional AGM: Event is being held in Calgary at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino in May. Kerri believes this event is an opportunity for the Board to attend workshops close to home. Group will need to look at offerings and take advantage of any early bird registration discounts.

8. Awards: Christy will forward list of awards to group. Some of these will be coach nominated, Kerri will look after these.

9. Spring / Summer Ice: Calendar completed for both sessions. Last week in April may need to be modified due to Kerri's trip.
- As there will be no Power in July Amber will send out notification to all Power Skaters the changes to the sessions. Detailed schedule will follow.
10. Equipment: Kerri will be purchasing equipment discussed in past meeting.
- In need of bingo daubers, Kenda to purchase.
- Discussion on signage to display at events. Kerri would like the Club to have sandwich boards and banner stands. Christine moved that we go forward with these items, Christy seconded. Board pre-approved \$2,000 budget for the purchase of these items. Christine will look into local options for these items.
11. Avenue of Trees: The tree entered by the Club was auctioned for \$550. Excellent job done by Christine and her helpers.
12. Uplifter: Dave hoping to have the majority of the work completed by the end of January.
- Club will have to pay in May for another year of RAMP for historical data.
13. Lethbridge: Kenda will be sending hotel information out to members soon.
- Kerri to look into Thursday March 30th ice time requirements as many competitors may leave for Lethbridge that day.
14. CanSkate Refund Parent of two children voiced displeasure with communications on the ice first day of this session. The Club will be giving this family a full refund.
15. Board Transition: With upcoming vacancies on the Board at the end of the season, the group needs to look at transition plans for incoming personnel.

Close of business: 20:55