



Knoxville Figure Skating Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 18, 2015

Board Members Present: Mandy Newman - President, Kim Patterson – Vice President, Gina Kaeuper - Treasurer, Denise Christensen – Secretary, Renee Dudley - Volunteer Coordinator, Jessica Smith –Communications, Debbie Goudreau

Guests: Su Wagner, Nadia K, Daren Patterson

Regrets: Nikki Ronayne – Membership

Motions made via Email

1. **Club Ice** – Mandy motioned to host a Club Ice session on Sunday January 11 from 10:30-11:30. Denise seconded, motion passed by email. This session would be so that skaters who are testing could practice their tests. Cost to Full members \$12. Pre-registration and payment in advance required. Skaters would be responsible for any coaching fees. Club ice was reserved with Cool Sports.

Mandy called the meeting to order at 2:10pm

1. **Concerns/Thoughts from Member-Coach** – A longtime club member/coach brought the following concerns to the Board of Directors attention.
 - a. The club has hosted club ice in the past. They did not charge members and coaches did not pay commission to Cool Sports. It was at a huge deficit to the club. Current board agreed that we do not want to do this at a deficit and that fees should be charged. Club ice sessions should offer some value to members over regular FS sessions offered by Cool Sports.
 - b. Club also hosted Competitions in past and had asked Cool Sports to run/host because they had not had enough volunteers to run them.
 - c. Suggested the board look into a system where members could keep track of their accomplishments, volunteer hours, performances etc. online. Board agreed that it would be nice to have but most likely not feasible to do so at this time. USFS does keep track of members' tests and qualifying competitions on their website.
 - d. Current Board of directors is weighted heavily with parents of from particular coaches. Should be more balanced between coaches. Mandy has reached out to several parents trying to fill the current vacancy but has not received a commitment from anyone at this time.
 - e. Awards – With the current process for determining the award recipients, the Board as a whole is not aware of who is being considered for the awards nor do they take any part in making the decisions. The award recipients are decided upon by an impartial (no parents or coaches of skaters) committee.
2. **Cool Sports Events** – Claire Mincher is covering for Nikki while she is on maternity leave.



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- a. Ice Cream Social - buddy's need to sign up by Jan 20, need volunteers to bring toppings. Denise to send email to membership reminding them to sign up for this event and follow up with Nadia.
 - b. Sk8 to Elimin8 Cancer – To be held March 8 in honor of Andy. Flyers are available at the front desk. It was suggested that KFSC members wishing to participate in this could participate as a team. If the money raised in total reaches a prize level then that prize would be shared amongst the members who collected the most donations. Would give recognition to KFSC that we did not receive last year because members participated as individuals. Those wishing a tax deduction would need to write a check directly to the foundation.
3. **Awards Committee Meeting Update** – Gina, Nikki, Anna Ramsey, Gail Foster, Konstantin present at the meeting. Gina felt it was very productive and reviewed what was discussed. Another meeting will be held in March for further discussion after which recommendations to the board will be made. Members felt that more recognition should be given for passing tests. Renee motioned to award the USFS Level Patches to skaters. Seconded by Gina, passed. Also suggested to have a 'Gold Medal Club' where we display pictures of those skaters who pass their Gold tests. Debbie volunteered to arrange for purchase and distribution of patches. It was suggested to have a club picture day where members could have professional pictures taken in their competition dresses.
4. **Club Competition** – Daren Patterson.
- a. Announcement - Improv Challenge needs to be changed to Interpretive for Entry Eze. More info regarding hotels.
 - b. Levels - Daren has agreed to serve as Referee. He suggested offering all levels including IJS. Members expressed the cost to host IFS as a major concern. Daren stated that IJS can be judged on paper however, it is only \$75/day to rent computer system. Mandy motioned to include IJS Renee seconded. Passed.
 - c. What Do We Need - He says we should have 13-15 judges, a controller and 2 tech specialists. The Accountant would take care of all of the paperwork. He also suggested that we would need 5-6 hours of ice time for competition. Judges will need tables in player benches. Pricing for IJS long and short programs would need to be determined. National Solo dance series needs a separate sanction. Denise to follow up with USFS re revising announcement with additions. Mandy to follow up with Nadia to reserve additional ice Friday night 5-9pm for practice ice. Mandy has contacted Melissa re logo. Will have in February. Need to contact Diane VanLe regarding assisting with Program. Gina suggested offering incentives for coaches who bring a certain number of skaters.
5. **USFS Governing Council Board Meeting** – KFSC is entitled to 3 delegates at this meeting. Proxys will be given to Cathy Slack.
6. **Test Session** – There were over 60 tests this weekend. We had a very good response from judges. They said the skaters were well prepared, and we were very organized session and had good hospitality. One judge said “We sure know how to treat judges”.



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7. **Club Ice Feedback** – The January session only had 11 skaters participate, but those that did said that it was nice to be able to practice without having to watch out for other skaters. Mandy to follow up with Raleigh regarding possible future dates in Feb/Mar. Suggestion was to have a focus for club ice to which would benefit membership as a whole.
8. **Board of Directors** – Board is currently short one member. Mandy has contacted a few people but has not had any commit. Anyone who may be interested is encouraged to speak to Mandy.
9. **USFS Webinar ‘Getting Retaining Volunteers’** – Debbie reviewed. Volunteers are needed to keep the club running, keep costs down, and eventually to take place on the board. All members need to take their turn serving the club. It was suggested that families who don't volunteer or contribute be contacted by phone and let them know that they need to help. Should be extremely nice and thankful. Make volunteering fun. Offer refreshments at meetings. Volunteer award plaques, thank you notes, etc. It was suggested that the club should ask Cool Sports for recognition for the volunteer work that we do for them. Such as a mention of the club when advertising events etc.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm. Next meeting February 15, 2015 at 1:00pm.