

FINAL
Braemar-City of Lakes FSC Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 1, 2004

President Mark Ahmann called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Members present were Mark Ahmann, Margo Brownell, Randy Jernberg, Darren Keenan, Laura Knowles, Kathy Lingofelt-Meyers, David Litteken, Deb Regan, Tom Regan, Lisa Schurch, and Jane Sutton. Also present was Joan Orvis.

Secretary s Report

The minutes from the September meeting of the Board were approved. (Motion, Second, Passed (MSP)).

Treasurer s Report

Randy informed the Board that he had discovered the source of the problems with the ice utilization report discussed last month. Some of the ice cost information had been incorrectly entered into the new billing software. This incorrect entry only affected the ice utilization report; it did not affect anyone s bill. Now that the information has been corrected, the report accurately reflects the comparison between the cost of the ice and the income received for that ice. The summer months had large variations from month to month (e.g., one month with low cost and high receipts, another month with high costs and low receipts), but the summer as a whole came close to breaking even. So far this fall the ice income is running slightly ahead of cost, and Randy feels that the cost and utilization is about right for now.

Software Update

Darren reported that he purchased the Dartfish software and the laptop computer on which to run it, and he will check with a carpenter about building a large cabinet in the pros room to house a cart that the laptop can be stored on and used for lessons. He and Randy also researched locks for the pros room door. After discussion, the Board approved buying a heavy duty door code with a key override from a local company that would install it. (MSP) Randy will follow up with the local company.

Synchro Update

Jane reported that the first competition for the synchro teams was coming up in a couple of weeks, and that the costumes were almost finished. She also reported that the teams were doing Scrips Advantage gift cards as a general fundraiser and that they would be doing the Adopt-a-Family community service again this year.

Professional Report

Joan has been unable to schedule a pros meeting or a meeting with Jane Sutton regarding additions to the pros room. Mark asked Joan what a realistic expectation would be for meetings over the course of a year, and she reported that 3 was the most that she could do. She also reported that if she is unable to schedule a meeting, she has been having the pros sign a form stating that they agree with the information.

Stipends

Joan proposed that we raise the stipends for skaters going to Midwesterns and Nationals from \$250 to \$350. Mark suggested that we study the matter further first. After discussion, the Board approved a \$350 stipend for this year for Alex Johnson, Chelsea Jernberg and Kendra Keenan. (MSP). Tom will research the stipend issue further as part of Policies and Procedures.

Ice Show Update

The Ice Show Coordinators held a volunteer coffee to broaden the volunteer base for the show, and the turnout was good. The Board also discussed which night to have the Ice Show party on, because we received mixed feedback last year when it was held on Friday. Laura will double check availability for both Friday and Saturday.

McCandless Update

Darren reported that all is going well. Louisa asked him to raise the issue of synchro team registration fees, because she noticed that some competitions charge more by using a flat fee plus a per skater fee, and McCandless only charges a flat fee. Given that McCandless falls after the synchro season is over, that we attract so few synchro teams as it is, and that the closest similar competition (St. Cloud) only charges a flat fee, the Board decided to leave the fee as is.

Membership Update

David is updating membership information using the US Figure Skating website, which had not been done in a long time. He has about half of it done, and he expects to finish the other half within the next month. As soon as he is finished, he will get a directory printed. He also reported that we have an e-mail address now for almost everyone in the club.

New Business

Darren raised that a non-synchro parent had questioned the fee split for the dasher boards. After discussion concerning the fact that synchro had done the work to make the leases possible, the Board approved keeping the split as previously determined. (MSP)

Kathy raised the issue of whether the Pilates Reformer was secure where it is currently located. Joan explained why it was moved out of the Ballet room and how it is locked and secured.

Old Business

Margo raised the issue of an open meeting with the membership. After discussion, the Board decided that any member can come to a Board meeting with an issue after calling the President to be added to the agenda. The Board discussed putting that information in the SPIN.

The Board also discussed getting information about the Club to the city class kids and to new members. The Board agreed to discuss this topic further at another meeting, and David agreed to work on a new member packet in the spring.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 7th

FUTURE MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 18th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Regan