

ALASKA SPEED SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING

Saturday September 8, 2018

Present:

Board - Chuck G, Nancy, Chuck H, Linda C, Game, Jody
AKSSC Members - John M

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 AM

MINUTES:

Motion to approve by Chuck G, seconded by Game, unanimous approval by board.

FINANCIAL:

Chuck H - \$11,970.62 currently in the AKSSC account, Mayor's money should come in October. Nothing yet from Fireweed though they have been contacted. Nancy will pursue these funds.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

FEES AND MEMBERSHIP

- MOTION #1: John - approve the Short Track fee structure submitted by Nancy but that we also accept partial payments for season ST ice fees, due in September and the second half paid in January. Peter with Nancy's input will update online sign up. Seconded by Chuck G. Unanimous approval by board.
- MOTION #2: Linda - drop the one free day and drop month trial, that we have a two session trial fee for new skaters at \$25. Seconded by Chuck G. Discussion followed that those who have skated with us before and come home for the holidays (college students) that we let them skate for free. Unanimous approval by board.
- MOTION #3: Chuck G - following lengthy discussion on membership, Chuck G moved Club Membership to be required only for Short Track, not required for the two session skate trial. Seconded by Nancy. Unanimous approval by board.
- MOTION #4: Chuck G - following lengthy discussion on Long Track, Chuck G moved to accept fees as provided by Nancy, including that youth continue at \$5, that we do 8 races, change the youth definition to "18 and under". Seconded by Jody. Unanimous approval by board. (Oval Pin cost discussed but on hold until we know more from Peter).

INSURANCE: Discussion on Long Track and coverage for non members who participate in our races or practices - Chuck stated our club insurance does not require membership for a skater to be covered.

SIGN UP FORM: Linda suggested an easier to read form for signing up. Much discussion followed with these items agreed upon. Nancy will edit and coordinate with Peter

- eliminate the word "Emergency"
- replace Father and Mother with Parent or Guardian
- move Membership cost to the top of Short Track section.
- perhaps do a "Step One, Step two..."
- Long Track to remain at the bottom of form as is.

CALENDAR: Board, all agreed to drop December 29 from the schedule. Our season begins September 8 through December 22, January 5 through March 26. Chuck H will make this schedule change with John at the arena.

SURVEY: Chuck G will email results of the survey to board members before next meeting.

THEFT OF PADS FROM CONEX AT MULCAHY STADIUM: John is working on reimbursement from the insurance of the Anchorage Skate Club (ASC) for the stolen pads. ASC insurance has a limit on what they will pay. He is getting quotes on the cost of new pads from two vendors to present to insurance company. We will definitely not be able to replace all of the pads with the insurance payment. Also, pads were aired out and no longer smell like smoke. John suggests we look at our current equipment, pads and skates. That we need to upgrade. We should look at possibilities of grant or fundraising separate from club funds. John will update us on prices for replacing pads. Nancy mentioned a friend who is a grant writer who may help with any grant request writing.

SUMMER ICE REPORT: Chuck H reported we had 9 skaters. Needed 10 to pay for itself. Chuck G mentioned he would pay even though he never skated.

PROMOTION/RECRUITMENT:

Jody reported on Roller Derby program. They do Kids Day with a booth and activities, also a dedicated night for youth recruitment which is free. They have a dedicated Youth Coach with separate times to train and practice. Jody volunteered to look into Kids Day at the Anchorage Museum or something this fall and head a promotion event.

CITY PARTNERSHIPS: John reported on his Homer connection. Homer skaters will have insurance coverage through a Hockey Program. John is providing them with cost of pads and skates. He advises them to get other parents involved.

PUBLIC EVENTS: John stated the date for Solstice Festival is Friday Dec 21, and the ASD Jamboree is February 15 with 6. Title One schools invited, usually grades 3 - 5. Chuck H suggested we somehow tap into Fur Rondy by organizing the "fastest skater" during the hockey tournaments. Nancy mentioned Amy mentioned organizing fun kids/citizen races at Westchester.

Board agreed we failed in promoting the beginning of our season and that recruitment needs realistic and achievable goals.

Next meeting after practice, Saturday October 6

Adjourned 11:30 AM

Submitted: Jody Jenkins