

## ALASKA SPEEDSKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING

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Monday, July 8, 2019

BOARD - Chuck Hansell, Chuck Gilbert, Jody Jenkins, Linda Cerniglia, Carl Oswald  
AKSSC MEMBERS - John Monroe, Peter Haeussler

CALL TO ORDER: 6 PM, BP Energy Center

MINUTES:

**John moved to approve the May board meeting minutes, Chuck Gilbert seconded. Approved unanimously.**

BOARD MEETINGS:

Chuck Hansell noted that the board meetings often run too long and thinks we should try to keep meetings to one hour, and 1 1/2 hours maximum, and at 1 1/2 hrs, meeting should be ended and any additional items on the agenda will be addressed at the next board meeting.

FINANCIAL:

Treasurer Chuck Gilbert reported that the overall balance is \$11,843. The club received a \$1500 payment from the Mayor's Marathon for volunteer efforts at two aid stations. It was suggested that since the experience was easy and enjoyable as well as great advertising, perhaps we could help out at other sporting events. Carl Oswald volunteered to bring before the board other sporting events that pay volunteer clubs for their efforts.

Chuck presented a draft budget to the board. He was successful in exploring Dick's Blue Sombrero, the club's online website payment system, and reported that it was easy to use and very useful in generating various information. He also reported that the club will not be receiving a \$500 award from USS for being the Second Best Small Club in the country. That award goes only to first place in each category.

Chuck G. brought to the club's attention that payment of \$1000 was not sent to the Anchorage Community Foundation, in care of Anchorage Skates for last years oval ice maintenance. **Chuck G motioned that \$1000 be donated to Anchorage Skates for ice maintenance for the 2018-19 season. John seconded. Passed unanimously.**

After brief discussion concerning benefits to the club, **Chuck Gilbert moved that AKSSC renew its “direct club” membership with United States Speedskating for \$100. Peter Seconded. Approved unanimously.**

#### UNITED STATES SPEEDSKATING:

Discussion centered around USS requirements for coaches and board members. Basic First Aid, background checks and Safesport training is required of all coaches. USS requires that all adult skaters who are USS members and who skate when young skaters are present take the on-line SafeSport training. At this time only Chuck Hansell is a certified USS coach (Level II). Peter is completing renewal of his certification, and John is communicating with USS regarding certification. **John motioned that all board members become USS members, do the online Safesport training, and have background checks. Peter seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Chuck Hansel volunteered to send out information about Safesport to all members, encouraging those that work with youth to take the course. USS members can take the on-line course at no cost. Non-members can take the course for \$20. Developing a climate of youth safety is a vital goal of AKSSC.

#### 2019-2020 SKATE SEASON:

Chuck H reported the O'Malley ice schedule:

September 14, 2019, through March 28, 2020.

Saturdays 8:15 - 9:45 AM and Tuesdays 7 - 8 PM

No ice scheduled for Saturday, November 30, 2019 or December 23, 2019, through January 3, 2020.

Chuck G recommended we do not raise ice fees for the coming year and that we work harder at recruitment to get more skaters on the ice and helping to pay for ice time.

Chuck H suggested cutting skate days in September to save money to be used for the purchase new skates. He suggested we skate only on Saturdays and use the oval one day for dry land training and in-line skating instead. He has located Short Track Skates that can be purchased for \$200 a pair if at least 5 pair are ordered. The club recognizes that new short track skates are needed, but most discussion that followed reflected the advantages of continuing the twice weekly schedule of ice times in September. John and Carl both mentioned it was counter productive to cut ice times.

Peter suggested we need better advertising and fundraising. Both of which are items on the new draft budget provided by Chuck G. It was decided to stay with the twice weekly ice times approved at the last board meeting.

Also AMH may want to sell their entire inventory of Long Track Skates. Some discussion followed concerned with the quality of the AMH skates.

#### SUMMER DRY LAND TRAINING:

John with Anchorage Skate Club provided handouts on the Anchorage Skate Club summer dry land training program. The program runs July 13 - September 11, 2019 at either Wendler Middle School or Cuddy Park. Discussion of participant payment to the coach followed. **Peter made a motion that AKSSC recommends the training and encourages skaters to participate in this program. Chuck G seconded. Motion passed with John abstaining and Chuck H voting no.**

#### INSURANCE PAYMENT FOR STOLEN PADS

John reported that the Anchorage Skate Club insurance company needed a new quote for the cost of new pads because the one previously obtained by Chuck G had expired. John said he provided an updated quote to the insurance company. Chuck H noted that we'll need a status report from John on this issue at the next board meeting.

#### ARCTIC WINTER GAMES, FUNDRAISING, RECRUITMENT:

These agenda items were delayed to next month's meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Linda and Jody volunteered to organize an event at the Oval on Sunday afternoon, Sept 7, 2019 to promote AKSSC, kickstart the skate season, and support use of the Oval. They will present at the next board meeting.

Chuck H suggested we try to hold our meetings on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, August 5, 2019, at 6 PM.

7:30 PM: **Peter moved to adjourn, Chuck G seconded. Passed unanimously.**