

ALASKA SPEEDSKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Use Microsoft Team video conferencing

BOARD - Carl Oswald, Chuck Gilbert, Jody Jenkins, James Hampton

MEMBERS - John Monroe

CALL TO ORDER - 7:55 PM

PRIOR MINUTES - Review of prior month's board meeting minutes. **Chuck G moved to accept, Carl seconded. Passed unanimously.**

FINANCIAL REPORT - Chuck G reported there was little of significance to report. We had two members join and a few oval ice donations.

USS Club Membership - AKSSC has renewed its membership with USS.

IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit annual filing - Chuck submitted this form July 2 using the simple "PostCard" which can be used if revenues are less than \$50K. This form needs to be filed annually to maintain our non profit status.

Biennial Report - Chuck filed this form with the AK Div of Corporations in late June. This needs to be done every other year.

General Liability and Medical Insurance - The club's insurance carrier from last year is no longer covering in the state of Alaska. Chuck received a quote from our insurance agent from a different insurance underwriter that offers better coverage and costs less, from \$1,330 to \$940.29. Discussion briefly followed. **Chuck G made a motion to purchase this new insurance. Jody seconded. Passed unanimously.**

FUNDRAISING ELECTION POLL UPDATE - Jody reported this club fundraising event was rewarding but exhausting with Chair and Co-Chair working more than 14 hours on Election Day and many hours before that day. Overall AKSSC volunteers were commended for thoroughness and integrity with the voting process. AKSSC will receive a check for about \$1500. Gretchen Moreland also worked the station, along with several friends of Chuck and Jody. Chuck mentioned a larger number of volunteers have committed for the November 3rd General Election but the Club could use a few more to create shorter shifts.

USS MEMBERSHIP AND SAFE SPORT CERTIFICATION - Currently only Board officers (Pres, VP, Sec and Treasurer) need to be USS members. All Board members need to be AKSSC members and SafeSport certified. John proposed that all Board members should have background checks. Chuck noted that club bylaws require board members to have background checks. After discussion it was decided to require all Board members to be AKSSC members, SafeSport certified and have background checks. Board members will be notified about this change. A deadline for all board members to complete these actions is the next board meeting. Confirmations of certifications need to be forwarded to Jody for Club records.

SHORT TRACK/LONG TRACK PROGRAM - John presented the ST/LT program that he and Peter designed for this current year. Discussion followed. As proposed skaters would sign up for the combined ST/LT program. Chuck proposed that there be a LT only option because

there are skaters who will want to take part in the LT program but not in ST. He said we could make this option available to adults only (21+). Discussion followed. For the combined ST/LT program Chuck said that at 70% of last year's cost for ST ice, this should cover costs for the ST/LT program. This would include the usual Saturday morning ST as well as Tuesday night dry land training and eventually LT at the Oval when we have ice. All skaters in the ST/LT program and the LT only program would need to become AKSSC members. John proposed that LT race fees be included in the price for the ST/LT program and the LT only program. John volunteered to work out the fees for the LT only program. **Chuck motioned to accept the LT/ST program John and Peter developed, with the addition of a LT only program for adults Carl seconded. Passed unanimously.**

Chuck motioned that the fees for the LT/ST program be set at 70% of last year's fees for ST ice, with the exception of the introductory option of \$25 for 2 sessions, which would remain the same. Carl seconded. Passed unanimously.

COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS - John created a document of baseline practices for safe participation in AKSSC speed skating activities based on several national, state, and local plans. He presented this document to the AKSSC board based on safety protocols supported by ASD, USS, the Municipality of Anchorage and the Alaska Schools Athletic Association. **Chuck G motioned AKSSC accept these Safety Protocols as written with the understanding that it is working document. Carl seconded. Passed unanimously.**

SKATE FEST - Jody gave a brief report on this annual kick off event scheduled for Saturday, September 12 from 2 - 4 PM. It is expected with COVID protocols in place this event will be a subdued affair. Jody will advertise through social media and will contact others for specific tasks.

CUDDY CHALET UPDATE - Jim Renkert gave a short report on Tuesday evening at the Cuddy Oval. He reported the Capital Campaign Committee met with the new head of Parks and Rec., Josh Durand. The completion of the building of the chalet is important for the growth of skating in Alaska and he is currently pursuing donations for an anonymous matching grant of \$5,000. He mentioned the park Master Plan may need to be revised. The chalet proposal possibly needs to go before the Planning and Zoning Committee soon.

NEW BUSINESS - None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME - Monday, October 5, 6 PM, location to be announced.

ADJOURN - 9 PM