

2015-16 Silver Blades Board Meeting
November 16, 2015

Present: Mike Fennema, Amy DeMarsh, Amy Boes, Christie Lammers, Mary Pat Longo, Nate Webster, Cassie Muzy, Tim Manley, Lindsay Prater, Meredith Pitt, Head Pro Christy Wronkowitz

Not Present: Paul Alday, Jen Warner, Rachel Gregory, Michael Lutz

HEAD PRO

Christy reported that we are at our limit for Group C. There haven't been more than 25 on the session. However, the proposal, after this test session, is to move the seniors in Group C to Group D time. This will be four skaters. The suggestion will be tabled until after the test session.

Christy discussed music playing. The suggestion was made that an Excel spreadsheet would be created with the skater's names on it and they are given five minutes to warm up for every session. The list for each group will be randomized and posted on the glass at the rink. Paid ice order will be how they are signed in. Music is checked in during the warm up time. Christy will be sending out an email regarding the new change.

Christy asked what the board's position is on props on the ice. Christy suggested that hand-held props can be used during ice time, but stand alone props can only be used during their lesson time, with a coach present next to the skater, and the skater is wearing the orange vest, running their program.

Student instructors are having a meeting on November 30th. Christy would like to assign an hour requirement for qualification for the junior instructor program. The board suggested 15 hours for a year with 75% attendance at the meetings, and 80% or better on the exams.

Christy also mentioned that the "special talents" section on the show tryout form was not meant to make a statement that only those who list special talents will be receiving show parts. It is meant to be a way to determine special moves that the skater can accomplish so when they are ready to start placing skaters in their respective earned features or solos, that information is already available.

REVIEW OF SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Lindsay Thames moved to approve the October meeting minutes. Cassie Muzy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Music issue that was brought up by Lindsay has been addressed under the Head Pro report.

Cassie reported that jackets have been purchased and will be delivered this week.

Cassie reported that Meredith and she contacted different agencies to discuss their holiday donation process. It is being suggested that we focus on the Angel Tree with Salvation Army. The tree will go up in the lobby on Thursday night and Saturday during the competition.

Tim has done some research on a cabinet in which to put the music system. Tim will be purchasing the cart and work with the Cube as to where to place it to have it locked up.

Tim presented the final information on the jump harness. Tim will call the individual with whom he has been speaking to clarify the information that was provided by the company. The decision is to rebuild the existing harness or purchasing a new system altogether.

BUDGET

Mary Pat presented the income statement for years ending 2014 and 2015.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cassie reported that he has 39 paid in full plus 6 associates, and notices are starting to go out that there is one month left until the payment deadline.

Lindsay asked if change could be provided in those cases where exact change isn't given. It was reinforced that we will not keep change on hand.

TESTING/COMPETITIONS

Upcoming test session is Sunday, November 22. The next test session will be December 21st. This will be the final test session to determine show groups. Holiday Exhibition forms are out and due by December 5th. Exhibition is December 17th.

Cassie passed around the volunteer sign up sheet for the competition as well as the food donation list. These lists will be sent out to the Club to get volunteers.

Cassie also informed the board that Wayne, Michigan competition will occur on January 8 and 9 with a deadline of December 4th.

RULES AND ICE

Cassie reported that we have a chunk of time to fill or try to sell to another user group for Sunday's ice time since the competition has been compressed into a one-day competition.

November 23 and 24 are open paid sessions.

MEMBERSHIP

96 members with 6 associates.

SPECIAL EVENTS/SOCIAL

Parade was a success, as was the team/synchro hay ride get together.

Mary Pat reported that Bellacino's will be a patron this year, but would like to make a part of their donation in gift cards. Those gift cards will be used for the skaters at the kids' party.

The end of season banquet will be Saturday, March 5th. It will be very similar to the Monopoly party. The location is Trinity Lutheran Church. This will be a recognition banquet.

TEAM SKATING

Braided Brea is the fundraiser and it is due December 2.

PROFESSIONALS

There is a meeting Tuesday, November 17, with the coaches on tablet judging, and another meeting on Saturday morning.

WAYS AND MEANS

Spirit Wear orders are being placed. Deadline is November 22.

Mixed Bags is due the November 23.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Meredith had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

SHOW REPORT

Volunteer sign up sheet for the initial wave for show preparation has gone up on the bulletin board. Amy also is presenting a few dates for picture night. February 10 is Ash Wednesday, and we need to check to see what the turn around time is with the program production to see if February 17th is a feasible date.

Discussion was had on the photographer choices.

Meredith moved to adjourn the meeting. Lindsay seconded the motion.

The next meeting is December 22 at 6:30 at the Cube.