

2015-16 Silver Blades Board Meeting
July 20, 2015

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

Not Present: Jennifer Warner, Michael Lutz, Paul Alday

Tim reported that Erica Main is off the board as her daughter has determined to not skate any longer. Amy DeMarsh will be taking over the bulletin board responsibility.

SHOW CHAIR

Show theme has been decided.

HEAD PRO:

Christy is presenting the Important Dates information, which is subject to change as needed. Tim reported that our tentative start date is Saturday, September 19th.

Christy has the Holiday Exhibition forms available.

Christy reviewed the Student Instructor program. Christy proposed that the Student Instructors be moved to accept seventh graders. It was decided that the requirement will remain with entering eighth (8th) grade, not seventh (7th).

Christy also proposed a Junior Instructor program. Tim moved to determine whether a Junior Instructor program should be offered to skaters who are 16 years of age, in Group D (Freestyle 5 and above), and has volunteered as a Student Instructor for two years. Amy DeMarsh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Lindsay moved for the following: Private instruction pay will be \$8 per half hour (\$4 per 15 minutes). The Junior Instructors will be responsible for their own liability insurance, be registered as a coach with ISI, take their Bronze certification, trial judge on testing sessions, and help judge at our competition. These Junior Instructors will be able to only work with a student who has passed up to beta. Once the student passes the next level of test, the student will then be transitioned to the professional coaching staff. Amy DeMarsh seconded the motion. The motion passed (8 yes; 3 abstained (Amy Boes, Mary Pat Longo, and Rachel Gregory)).

SPRING ICE:

Cassie reported that Spring Ice was successful.

Meredith asked for clarification on what is defined as our season, for associate membership purposes. It was determined to add the following information to the associate membership application: An associate membership is valid from September 1, 20XX to August 31, 20YY.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Amy Boes moved to accept the June 2015 minutes. Mary Pat seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cassie reported that 21 skaters participated in The Edge seminar.

TESTING/COMPETITIONS

Cassie reported that we had 31 test with 26 passing. Cassie suggests that for those testing Freestyle 1 through 7, during compulsory if the skater does not pass the first time on an element, the skater will be able to move on with the rest of their elements for compulsory and then can come back to that one element that they did not pass. This will be placed in the handbook and coaches will be notified of this, as well.

Cassie also stated that language will be added for high level tests (8-10) specific testing requirements (testing at a world event, the necessity of a video tape).

Test dates have been set for next year (first day of season (TBD), October 22, November 22, December 21, and January 28). December 19th is show tryout; December 21st is the deadline for show placement (meaning the level at which the skater is at on December 21st will determine their show placement).

Holiday Exhibition is December 17th.

Show practices will start January 30th.

Twenty-six skaters are participating at Worlds. Erin Longo received the Good Sport Award, that will be given to her at Worlds.

Mary Pat will be sending an email to the parents of skaters who are participating at Worlds to email their skater's results in the competition. These results can be Tweeted or placed on the Facebook page. The onus of reporting those results will be the sole responsibility of the parents.

Cassie reported the dates of the District 7 competition. Our competition is November 21st and 22nd. Youngstown is listed as To Be Determined. Our theme is Flip On Over For The Fall Classics.

RULES AND ICE

Tim reported that we do not have an exact start date. Once he finds out, he will let us know.

MEMBERSHIP

Meredith reported that we are up one member (loss of nine skaters and gain of ten skaters).

Cassie asked the Board to consider the need to have members paid in full when they are getting ready to try out for show. The Board is in agreement that any skater who is wishing to try out for show is paid in full by the day of show tryout.

SPECIAL EVENTS/SOCIAL

Amy reported that there will be a season kickoff/annual meeting on September 12th from 12 to 3. It will be at the Waterfall Pavilion. Families can bring whatever they want. Cassie will bring paper products; Amy and Christy are bringing drinks. Asking parents to bring one dish per family. Student Instructors will be engaging the skaters during the parent meeting. Show theme will be revealed at this meeting. Committees need to let Amy know via email on what needs to be added to the agenda.

Mary Pat suggested that meeting minutes be taken of this meeting. She suggested that specific committee notes be given and Meredith can follow through those notes while at the meeting to help streamline the meeting minutes.

TEAM SKATING

Amy said there is a concentration on Worlds with production team and synchro.

PROFESSIONALS

Tim reported that coach applications are starting to come in.

WAYS AND MEANS

Christie said she touched base with Cheryl, who has offered to help this season.

Christie will be talking with her committee about some new fundraisers to have something to present to the parents at the annual meeting. Another discussion will be whether we have the skate swap at the annual meeting, as well.

VOLUNTEERS

Meredith reported that she, Rachel, and Mike met (via email) on all of the volunteer opportunities. We will be using Volunteer Spot heavily this year, which will be covered at the annual kickoff meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Lindsay will be contacting Paul about the website information. Lindsay will contact individual board members to look at websites and offer their insight on what they like about the site, what they don't like, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Lindsay wanted to know whether we should keep the newsletter going. She will take down the obsolete and outdated newsletters.

Next meeting will be August 17th at 6:30 at The Cube.

Nate Webster moved to adjourn the meeting. Amy DeMarsh seconded the motion.

These meeting minutes have been respectfully submitted on July 20, 2015 by Meredith Pitt.

