

SILVER BLADES BOARD
DECEMBER 19TH, 2017 MEETING MINUTES
THE CUBE 6:30 P.M.

❖ **Meeting brought to order at 6:41pm**

❖ **In Attendance:** Tim Manley, Michelle Huff, Amy DeMarsh, Michael Lutz, Cassie Muzy, Melanie Clarke, Amy Koomen, Katie Freeman

❖ **Absent:** Margot Heizman, Mike Fennema, Amy Boes

❖ **Approval of the prior meeting minutes:** November Minutes were reviewed. Michael Lutz motioned to approve, with corrections. Amy Koomen seconded. All in favor - 8 Opposed – 0. Minutes were approved, with corrections.

❖ **Old Business:** By-laws – update being sent by Michael – will review and vote in January. Committee updates were added.

❖ **Committee Updates:**

- **Treasures Report-** (Margot, Cassie & Michael) After review of our refund policy. We have determined as stated in our membership paper work that the \$150, that is initially deposit paid is non-refundable, no matter the reason for choosing not to participate. If a skater at a later date decides to leave the club after the deposit fee has been made, and after we receive notification from the parent, we will take the total amount that has been paid on the membership as the beginning balance. Then pro rate the time that the skaters has skated and determine the amount to be subtracted from the beginning balance, as well as the non-refundable amount of \$150.00. If there is an underpaid balance, that will need to be paid to the club before departure from the club, or before returning to the club if circumstances should change. If the skater has over paid, the remaining balance left after all deductions have been made as previously stated will not be refunded, but instead will be available to them for the following skating season, if they so choose to return to the Club.
- **Rules and Ice-** (Cassie & Michelle) We had 2 extra hours of ice from show try-outs. FAHA bought 1 hour and a family skate filled in the second hour. Approximately 30 people attended the family skate and it appeared to be a success.
- **Testing and Competition-** (Cassie, Melanie & Michael) Our last test session saw 4 out of 8 skaters pass levels, though none of those that passed moved into different groups. Our next ISI test session is scheduled for 1/25/18 with applications due by 1/16/18 and show practice will begin on 1/27/18. Cassie updated us with the financials for our competition in October and we netted \$4368, which was up from last year. We discussed possible advertising in our competition program, but the final decision for that has been tabled for future consideration.
- **Membership-** (Amy D, Michael, Cassie) We have had 2 new members added with 1 more interested. We have also added 1 new associate member. All our half-year memberships have converted over to full memberships except 1. We currently are at 86 members.

- **Professionals-** (Amy K. & Michael) W-9's have been returned for all of our professionals. An updated list of the coaches for group skating for Findlay Silver Blades for 2017-2018 included the following: Meredith Boes, Alexa Bouts, Molly Kerr, Sheri Leatherman, Cat Longo, Annette Lutz, Taylor Polder, Cody Towell and Madison Williams. A motion to approve these coaches was made by Michelle Huff and seconded by Melanie Clarke. A vote was taken and all were approved unanimously, with Michael Lutz abstaining for the vote that included Annette Lutz.
- **Team Skating-** (Amy B & Cassie) The Holiday party for team skating was a success! The synchro teams will be competing in the Michigan competitions at Wayne and Southgate.
- **Volunteers –** (Mike) None
- **Ways N means-** (Amy K. & Katie) Sales at the competition were as expected. Coffee mugs seemed to be a big hit! More coffee mugs and car decals were discussed along with getting an early start on items for our show.
- **Special Events-** (Amy B., Amy D. & Mike) Our end of season banquet will be held on 3/3/18 at Trinity Lutheran Church (thanks Michael!). Time for the event is currently pending and will be shared once it is finalized.
- **Ice Show-** (Cassie & Michael) The design for the wall for the show is complete. Committees are currently being formed. If anyone has any special talents and wants to help with the show, please notify any board member. The parent show meeting will be 1/27/18 and picture night is slated for 2/7/18. More details to follow.
- **Publicity-** (Mike) None

❖ **New Business:**

- Committee Updates – were reviewed and updated to the handbook.
- Open paid fees up front – we will send out another reminder. It was also reminded that we keep the skater updated with how many punches they have left so they will know ahead of time.

❖ **Conclusion of meeting**

Next meeting is 1/15/18 at 630pm at The Cube (executive committee 6pm).

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Michael Lutz. Seconded by Katie Freeman

All in favor - 8 Opposed - 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Amy DeMarsh and Cassie Muzy