

SKATING CLUB OF LAKE PLACID
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2008

Call to order: President Iris Gladd called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Iris Gladd, Karen Knox, Liz DeFazio, Maggie Atkins, Maryanne Hawley, Pat Jorgensen, Nicole Broderick, Laura McDonald, Stan Urban.. Excused: Rosemary Gole, Virginia Yamrick. Guests: Rickie Canny, Linda Sausa, Barbara Kelly, Robin Cerutti.

Minutes: The minutes of June 16, 2008 were approved as distributed via email.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Knox distributed the SCLP financial report as of July 22, 2008. The report identified receipts and disbursements since June 16, 2008. General account balance as of July 22nd is \$2,766. and scholarship account balance is \$6,575. Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report; motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to accept the consent agenda as emailed to all members of the Board. Motion passed unanimously. There was clarification that the Handbook Committee consists of Nicole Broderick and Rickie Canny. Nicole distributed copies of draft sections of handbook for review and feedback. Iris Gladd asked that the committee complete its work by September.

OLD BUSINESS

Honorary Membership: Stan Urban distributed information from several other skating clubs re how honorary memberships were handled. After discussion he moved that the SCLP adopt the following policy relative to awarding honorary memberships in the future:

“Honorary membership may be conferred on persons deemed worthy of such membership by majority vote of the Board of Directors. The candidate must have been duly proposed and supporting documentation included in the notice of meeting. Honorary members shall enjoy all privileges of the Club except voting and shall be exempt from membership fees and dues.”

In response to questions, Stan clarified that approving this new policy would have no effect on current honorary and/or lifetime members as their existing status/privileges are grandfathered and will not be changed. He did note however that his motion does not provide for the awarding of Lifetime Membership going forward.

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Club Jackets: As a follow-up to discussion at previous board meetings, several samples of Club jackets were made available for review at today's meeting. Extensive discussion ensued on such topics as price, primary purpose of the jacket, color scheme, type and content of embroidery, etc. The Board did not reach a consensus on the specific jacket to be ordered. Iris deferred final action until the next meeting and requested members to come prepared to make a final selection at that time.

Membership: Laura McDonald reported that 72 individuals have signed up for Club membership so far this year. She noted that many "regulars" have not completed their 2008-09 membership application as yet. She will be sending reminders to the coaches to remind their students and parents regarding membership.

After Laura's presentation Barbara Kelly expressed her concern that the lack of any ice time for adults so far this summer may cause some adults to lose interest in skating and in fact not renew their membership. She also pointed out that it was unfair for ORDA to continue to expect adult members of the Club to volunteer during summer skating events when these adults receive no ice time in return. Iris commented that although she has already talked with Mary-E about this topic, she will talk with her again. Laura McDonald stated she also would bring this to ORDA's attention.

Fundraising: Iris led a general discussion soliciting ideas and comments regarding fundraising projects. Suggestions included doing an art skate or similar type auction during Jr Nationals; selling USFS calendars; selling figure skating oriented canvas bags (Pat Jorgensen will research); and selling spring-loaded skate guards with SCLP name (Rickie will get price to put SCLP name on guards). It was noted that should the SCLP wish to sell certain items during events such as Jr. Nationals, the Club will need to work through ORDA. In response to a question, Iris will check her file for contact number for "the pie guy".

Skating Program Director: Stan reported that the Coaches Committee had conducted an intensive recruitment effort seeking candidates for the SCLP's skating program director position. Six individuals expressed some level of interest. The committee reviewed the applicants and determined that Mary Catherine Preston was the most qualified. The committee interviewed Mary Catherine, and after the interview voted unanimously to recommend her to the Board for appointment as skating program director. Stan distributed a copy of Mary Catherine's resume to the Board.

Stan informed the Board that earlier today he received a letter from Denny Allen in which it was noted that ORDA's Ethics Officer has determined that Mary Catherine, as a fulltime ORDA employee, would be placed in a conflict of interest situation should she serve as SCLP program director. Therefore she would not be allowed to accept this position.

Stan stated he believed ORDA does not fully understand the role of program director. Further, he felt that if the SCLP does not seek any reimbursement from ORDA to help

offset part of the cost of the director, this would eliminate one of ORDA's main concerns. After discussion, Stan moved that Mary Catherine Preston be appointed SCLP skating program director for the 2008-09 skating season contingent upon obtaining ORDA's reconsideration and approval of her appointment. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Consignment / Second-Hand shop: As a follow-up to previous discussions, Iris distributed a financial analysis of consignment activity covering the period April 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008. The analysis showed that the Club made a profit of \$1,421. over this 14 month period for an average profit of \$102 per month. Some Board members questioned whether this relatively small profit was worth the time and effort to run the shop. A lengthy discussion took place during which several actions were identified which might improve operations and increase profits. After discussion a motion was made to increase our consignment ratio for both existing and new inventory from current 25% Club / 75% owner to 40% Club / 60% owner effective September 1, 2008 Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt-A-Skater: Iris reported on behalf of Rosemary Gole regarding the concept of allowing non-club members to pay \$75 which instead of going toward an Associate Membership would be used to support a local skater joining the Club. The Board expressed an openness to hear more about this concept and deferred any further discussion or action until Rosemary's return.

Scholarship: Iris described a situation where it would be appropriate for the Club to extend a \$40 scholarship for Katie Wilson to join the SCLP. Motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Board Development: To foster continuing education of Board members, Iris distributed a document titled: *Basic Responsibilities of Skating Boards*.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING: August 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm in Hall of Fame room.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Urban for Rosemary Gole, secretary