

**OSC Board Meeting  
January 26, 2008**

*8:00 a.m. at 227 Goggin*

**Present:** Julie Campbell-Ruggaard, Faith Daley, Herbert Jaeger, Amy McGoldrick, Rane Messina, Paula Murray, Krista Short, Beverley Shrader, Kathy Pruckno, Rhonda Smith

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 12/08/07 board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Checking account balance is \$9652.84 after the fall ice bill of \$22,857.75 was paid; savings account balance is \$2,480.76 (this includes \$200 for the Freestyle Fund); Synchronized Skating Scholarship Fund is \$1,349.53. The club credit card has an outstanding balance of \$4809. The outstanding team receivables are \$32,308.00, all skaters are in good standing to date, and the 2007 1099 info was sent to the CPA.

The Wednesday Night Ice program for spring has 13 skaters and 4 adults participating. Their fees of \$2760 will cover the ice cost, the off-ice coach (Sally) and the on-ice coaches (Lindsay, Lee Ann, and Rachel). We should add a "coordinators fee" for Lindsay for organizing the program; we need to check with Lindsay to find out Lee Ann's role. We need to write down the procedure and rationale so we have something to go by next season.

The Holiday Show was a successful fundraiser. We collected \$3,456 and had expenses of \$1,281 leaving us with the highest fundraising result in five years.

**Fundraisers**

Kathy Leonard and Krista Short will run the flower sale in the spring. Other fundraisers considered include candle sale, gourmet popcorn, another round of Scrips gift cards, and a concession during the Miami Open competition. We will need 8 people to man the concession, and it was suggested to offer this opportunity first to folks who have outstanding balance. Krista and Paula will work out the details. Goggin also authorized us to run a Crystal Shop during the competition.

**Posting Video Clips on the Internet**

Julie raised the question if OSC should give permission to posting video clips of skating performances on the internet (e.g. You Tube, OSC Website, etc.). This has been done in the past (e.g. someone had posted a number of performances of numerous teams at the 2007 Dr. Porter competition on You Tube), but never with the permission of OSC. Apart from privacy issues, this is also a coaches issue. It was resolved that OSC will stay away from officially posting video of skater performances on the internet.

**Insurance**

Our club liability insurance was cancelled by the carrier because the company went out of the business of covering youth sports. We are still covered for bodily injury and property damage through USFSA if this occurs during sanctioned USFSA events and practice. In addition, individual USFSA members have secondary medical insurance through USFSA. However, we also need liability coverage for our club officers, board members, and volunteers. Amy will get in touch with a new company and inquire about details of our coverage through USFSA. Eventually we also need to get input from the club lawyer.

### **USFSA Governing Council Annual Meeting**

Based on its membership (approx. 60) OSC has voting rights for two delegates. Our options are sending one or two board members to the meeting in Denver (4/30–5/3/08), or to give our proxy votes to Heather and/or Carla, who are going to the meeting. Julie will consider going to the meeting; in that case the board approved to give one proxy vote would be given to Heather. Ranee offered frequent flyer miles toward the trip to defray the costs, as the Club is in no position to reimburse for travel.

### **Lawyer Feedback**

We received feedback from the Club lawyer who looked over our governance documents and travel forms. We have only time to talk about a few items.

- (i) Travel forms (liability waivers) were done before the Fraser competition. Some still need to be turned in.
- (ii) We need to have a conflict resolution policy in our bylaws; this is required as per USFSA, which also has suggested appropriate language.
- (iii) We need to update the wording on our three strikes policy, list specific infractions, etc. Beverly will look into this.

Recommendation: have a retreat to react to the lawyer feedback and at the same time do the bylaws review.

### **Freestyle Update**

Julie works closely with Lindsay and Lee Ann. In their roles as skating directors they educate the freestyle lesson coaching staff about ISI elements and requirements. Julie as the OSC freestyle chair collects info as to who want to go to competition a few days before the deadline, so that we can send an appropriate number of judges, etc.

The Findlay competition was great, Team Goggin (six skaters) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the overall ranking – congratulations! However, Julie does not want to repeat this in that form as she was wearing many hats on just one head. For future trips we need a designated coach to go along.

### **Synchro Update / Spring Ice Show**

Spring Ice Show entries are due today (1/26). Lindsay graciously extended the deadline for one week w/o late fee.

Some parents were somewhat disappointed of the placement of the Pre Juv team at the Fraser conference as they were not aware of the more competitive nature of USFSA competitions as compared to ISI competitions. For future reference, there should be a meeting with coach and parents to define expectations and discuss things of this nature at the beginning of the season as this was done with past teams. For this season the coach could send an email to parents to clarify things.

### **Letters**

Mark Chastain invited OSC teams to attend a local charity event at the Northern Kentucky rink for 12/6/08.

Two letters to OSC President reported altercations with a skater and noisy conduct in the hotel, both occurred during the recent trip to Fraser. Names of the letter writers were not mentioned. One letter was given to Paula who will talk with Heather (after Mids). Heather will then report back to the board about the steps being taken. The board agreed as to the necessity of a paper trail in this matter.

## Upcoming Events

### Test Sessions

The dates set earlier this season (3/29 and 5/3) were questioned because of the proximity to Miami's spring break, but as these dates were set so long ago and OSC members are planning with those in mind it was determined to leave them as is.

Faith Daley is getting judges for these test sessions and Kathy Leonard is helping with the food & hospitality. Becky provided a list of judges and has asked to trail-judge some events. The board recommended for Faith to check with Rebecca Lucadis, a former Test Chair as to how to handle this request. Faith will obtain last year's forms from Paula and adapt them for this year's use. To avoid losing money as in last year's test sessions, this year the out-of-club testing fee will be increased to \$25 and a hospitality fee of \$8 will be added for all participants. Other test fees will remain the same as last year. Once the forms are approved they will be posted on the Club website.

### Board Elections

Herbert will consult his records to find which board members' terms are up and how many open seats will need to be filled. The procedure will be the same as last year, basically the way it is outlined in the Club bylaws. Herbert will document the procedure to be followed for future reference.

### Team Tryouts

After Mids a meeting with the OSC coaches will be scheduled to discuss the specific arrangements for this season's tryouts.

The February 2008 board meeting was set for 2/9/08 at noon at Amy's house, immediately followed by the board retreat for bylaws review and consideration of the Club lawyer feedback. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert Jaeger*