

<p style="text-align: center;">OSC Board Meeting July 5, 2007</p>
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6:30 p.m. at the Oxford Presbyterian Seminary Building

Present: Julie Campbell-Ruggaard, Rachel Funk, Herbert Jaeger, Layne Listerman, Amy McGoldrick, Ranee Messina, Paula Murray, Heather Paige-Hymes, Kathy Pruckno, Lizzie Rohlfer, Krista Short, Beverly Shrader, Rhonda Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the 6/7/07 board meeting were approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance is \$18,791.38 (earning 0.60% interest on the monthly average balance); savings account balance is \$1,559.72 (0.45% interest); Synchronized Skating Scholarship Fund balance is \$1,400.02 (0.45% interest). Our old credit card account is now closed, and we have two new credit cards in the names of President and Treasurer with \$0.00 outstanding balance. Summer Sundays totals are in the black, and the numbers are attached. Treasurer's report was accepted by the board.

Team Reports

1. Youth Team (Rhonda)

Summer Sundays were well attended. The team plans a Wiener roast with parents, skaters, and coaches some time before team practices start up again. There are 2 (or possibly 3) skaters not continuing beyond the summer session.

2. Pre-Juvenile Team (Krista)

Good turnout for Summer Sundays. We collected almost all forms. All skaters have been measured, and everything is coming together. Team is planning a swim party before school starts.

2. Open Juvenile Team (Paula)

Due to the pilot-nature, this team had a rocky start, but things are coming together, and the skaters do a great job on the ice. All commitment letters are in. Emily Joesting ran the summer practice since Sara was busy with the PKI Ice Show. This team has 14 skaters, so 2 skaters are in swing positions based on ability.

3. Intermediate Team (Ranee & Rachel)

Team is working on basic skills and is coming along well. Coach and team are ready to start work on the program. They still need to get used to a smaller team (16 skaters), and they have a good coach-team relationship.

Reminder for the Board

All Board members and the Test Chair must be members of OSC. In addition, all Board officers must also be USFSA members.

Hockey exhibition dates

Hockey exhibition have been set as follows.

Youth Team: 10/20/07 (if program is ready) and 12/8/07.

PreJuv Team: 12/7/07.

Intermediate Team: 1/18/08

Open Juv Team: 2/29/08.

These dates have been added to the season calendar that is posted on our web site. Team managers should remind/inform parents about ticket arrangements. Parents need to buy tickets

to see the team performance (and the game). Buy tickets early, since some games tend to sell out soon.

Recruitment vs. solicitation

The difference and subtleties of recruitment versus solicitation were pointed out. For details see www.skatepsa.com/ProfessionalStandards.htm .

Committee chairs reports

1. Freestyle (Julie)

Julie continues to look for committee members. If you want to help or have ideas please get in touch with Julie Ruggaard. Libby and Lauren had some ideas for events suitable for freestyle skaters to attend. The earliest are in 1st and 2nd week in November. Rachel will check to see if she has a list of competitions freestyle skaters have gone to in the past.

2. Publicity (Kathy)

LeeAnn is anxious to get the OSC Club name out into the community. We will work with her to establish a list of local papers. OSC also needs to have a presence at the Learn-to-Skate sessions.

3. Fundraising (Krista)

Some of last year's fund raisers will be continued this year by the same people. We have established fund raising contacts on most teams. For details click the "Fundraisers" link at www.oxfordskateclub.com. We still are in need for a lead-person for the *Holiday Show* and the *February Competition Booth*. The approach to sponsorship was discussed. We need to come up with guidelines (levels and limitations) for team sponsorship vs. sponsors for entire Club. We can't have a "rich" team with lots of sponsors and a "poor" team without any sponsors. It was noted that donations to the Club are tax deductible, while donations to teams or individual skaters are not tax deductible.

4. Team Travel (Layne)

Layne gave a run-down of team travel procedures. There was a short discussion of travel by bus vs. private vehicles. It appears that travel by bus is more economical, but it might be useful to see the numbers to justify this to parents. Team managers will find out how many parents will want to travel on the bus with the skaters to make sure that there is enough room for all.

In general prices have gone up, but busses have been negotiated down. Ball park figures for St. Louis trip (April '08) are in the \$60 to \$74 range. Hotel is \$102 (incl. tax) per night. In this context it will be useful to know if families are interested to share hotel rooms. There will be a meeting with Layne and skaters' parents early in the fall to discuss travel details.

5. Web (Herbert)

The OSC web site was updated to have "common look" for all pages. Each page will have a box pointing out upcoming events. We will also add PayPal support to the web site so that team fees can be paid through PayPal with credit cards. Paula has established the PayPal vendor account, but technical details still need to be worked out. We hope to have a first version operational by the end of summer.

Change of calendar

The Midwestern Sectional in Nashville has been moved back one week and is now scheduled for 1/30 to 2/2/2008. The updated calendar posted on our web site reflects this change.

Annual Report

A draft for the Annual Report 2006/07 was discussed and after some typographical changes approved by the board. A copy is posted on the OSC web site.

Wednesday Club Ice

Last season OSC's club ice time on Wednesdays 7:30-8:45 p.m. was not utilized sufficiently and as result the Club lost approx. \$3,000. If the Club wants to keep this ice, we need to come up with an attractive way to market this ice. After discussing a number of options, the board finally settled on a combination of 30 min. low freestyle followed by 45 min. high freestyle. The board felt that this combination is the most attractive option. The low freestyle could be used by the Wednesday group lesson skaters, while the high freestyle ice is geared more towards advanced skaters, college students, and adult skaters.

Managing a synchro team (USFSA publication)

Postponed to next board meeting.

Bylaws review due this season

This year another bylaws review is due. We'll begin with this at our next board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. and the next board meeting was set for Thursday, August 23, 2007 - 6:30 p.m at the Oxford Presbyterian Church. (*NOTE: meeting location was changed later to Goggin Ice Center, Rm. 227*)

*Respectfully submitted,
Herbert Jaeger*