

<p style="text-align: center;">OSC Board Meeting October 13, 2007</p>
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8:30 a.m. at 227 Goggin

Present: Terri Barr, Julie Campbell-Ruggaard, Karen Dickey, Herbert Jaeger, Amy McGoldrick, Ranee Messina, Paula Murray, Kathy Pruckno, Krista Short, Beverly Shrader, Rhonda Smith

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

Minutes

The minutes of the 9/15/07 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance is \$24,009.00; savings account balance is \$1,774.46; Synchronized Skating Scholarship Fund is \$1,401.59 with the scholarship applications for the 2007/08 season being currently under review. The club Master Card has no outstanding balance. Outstanding team fees are currently \$43,797.85. Crystal credits from Mums and Schwan sales are being posted to all OSC accounts, as well as for 3 skaters from FSCC. The 4 new college skaters on the intermediate team were invoiced for \$531.50 according to the *OSC Skater Handbook* (coaching fees, ice cost, practice dress, blues, and travel excluded). The original 16 skaters of the Intermediate Team will be credited \$61.25 so that all future expenses will be the same for all members of this team.

Team Reports

Youth: Team is in good spirits and is getting ready for their exhibition skate at the OSU-Miami hockey game on Sunday 10/21.

Pre Juvenile: Team is moving right along. They have a team-building activity scheduled for next Monday. Need to ask Heather about the dress prototype as we need to check the budget and make a deposit.

Open Juvenile: Team is going on a scary hay-ride as part of a team-building activity scheduled for tonight. This is also the first social event for this team this season. The team is growing into a great group, they love their program and the music; it is challenging for all of the team members, and they are working well together. To avoid confusion with the FSCC role of the team manager, Kim's title was changed to "team mom".

Intermediate: The team coaches had a meeting with the parents after the board executive session. The coaches will decide on actions, such as certain skaters will sit out for one competition, while others are considered on "strike one". The coaches handled the entire incident very well, and the team responded well to coaches taking charge. There was a team-building activity two weeks ago; disappointingly only five or six skaters attended, but the ones who were there had a good time. Rachel is trying to organize a soccer game right after a Saturday practice, so everyone this there.

Travel

For the Dr. Porter competition we are on the cusp of needing 2 buses. A decision has not been made, but one must be made soon. The issue of having younger and older girls on the same bus was briefly discussed. It was resolved that we need to be responsible as a whole club and that it is appropriate for the older girls to take a leadership role in that respect. We need a firm commitment of parents who want to ride the bus so we can decide on one or two buses.

SSS-Fund

Applications are currently being considered, but details are not known.

Freestyle

Two skaters went to the Newark competition, but no one will go to Boardman. Results are posted on the OSC Freestyle web page. We will try to get a group of skaters to go to the Mississippi Valley District Competition in Knoxville, TN, at the end of March 2008. No new developments for the Freestyle Scholarship.

Newsletter & Web Page

The idea of a dynamic team page was discussed. There could be a quiz with some bio facts about one skater w/o a picture, then some time later the quiz could be resolved by posting a picture of the skater. This could go on for all the skaters of a team. Concerns were raised as to what information to include and what should not be revealed. This led to a wider discussion on web site security. Certain content should be accessible by OSC members only, e.g. phone numbers and email addresses, board minutes, etc. This could be realized by using every member's USFS membership number as access code together with a user-created password. Herbert will see if something like that can be added to our web page. On a related point, the board feels that while we could post the competitions we go to on our web page, we should do that without going into too much detail, e.g. which team is going, and at what hotel are we staying.

Holiday Show and PR

We now have tri-fold display board and an info sheet on the Club, but still need to do the proper branding. We will set it up again 10/24 and 10/27.

Michael Ferlic has confirmed his performance at the Holiday Show. Sign-up forms are with the team managers and also posted on the web page.

Julie and Kathy are starting to work on the Holiday Show Program booklet. It was decided to sell ads in units of 1/4 pages for \$5 per 1/4 page. Julie has drafted a letter to be used for soliciting ads from local businesses. The letter describes OSC as a non-profit organization and includes the Club's tax-exempt id-number, as well as, a contact phone number and email address (Julie's). Julie will forward the letter to everyone so anyone can contact his/her favorite business.

We need to start submitting information to the local newspapers now, as they are getting ready to put together holiday-themed content.

Krista has agreed to do the Crystal Shop (Krista's Krystal Shop) and she will ask for others to help her.

Patti Malin will organize the Silent Auction and Gift Baskets, but will not do it by herself – Karen has agreed to work with her. They will solicit for items for the various baskets.

Fundraising/Sprit Wear/OSC Pin

Profit for the Mums Sale was \$846.46 in Crystal Credits and \$44.55 of the Club. People commented on the quality of the plants and the good price. This is a successful fundraiser and we will run it again next year, but we need to start a bit earlier.

The Schwan Sale total was approx. \$1,300, with about \$390 in Crystal Credits. The Braided Bread sale started and will go for two weeks. Next will be the Pampered Chef sale (early November), followed by the Scripps Gift Cards.

The Club just turned in another approx. \$1,000 order for team wear. This company (First Impression Wear in Eaton) is excellent to work with; they have waved a lot of the set-up fees. It was suggested to include them into the Holiday Show booklet free of charge (1/4 page) or give them 1/4 page price reduction if they place a bigger add.

The board looked at the submitted pin design and picked three designs to determine the production cost. Once we decide on a design, the company has a ten-day turn-around time.

Herbert will work on providing digital versions of the three designs that then will be used to find out the production costs.

Membership and Testing

Tabled for the next meeting.

Bylaws Review

After reviewing our mission statement the board concluded that what we have really is not a mission statement, thus we will begin our bylaws review by putting together a mission statement. We will identify where we have our current "mission statement" so we can replace it with the new one. The board scheduled two brainstorming sessions for 11/3 & 11/17 at 8:30 a.m. (limited to 1h) to get that process going.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m., and the next 2 board meetings were set for November 10, 2007, and December 8, 2007, at 8:30 am at Goggin, Rm. 227.

*Respectfully submitted,
Herbert Jaeger*