

# ***Vernon Vortex Speed Skating Club***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

Monday, October 1, 2018

### **Call to order**

President, Karen Benn called to order the regular meeting of the Vernon Vortex Speed Skating Club at 5:27pm on Oct 18, 2018 at KalTire Place, Vernon, BC.

### **Roll call**

The following persons were present: Karen Benn - President, Diana Hall – Past President, Kim Dow – (confirmed as Treasurer during meeting), Eric Miller – Race Coordinator, Paige McDicken, Secretary

### **Approval of minutes from last meeting and agenda**

The minutes were approved as read. Meeting agenda approved by Kim Dow and Eric Miller.

### **Open Issues**

Motion: an amount of \$1500 was put forward for coaching expense this year – all in favour

**Coach Expenses** – discussion around whether our BC Gaming grant was less this year due to coaching expenses not being deducted prior to application. We should endeavour to closely track coaching expenses this year so that a baseline is established to assist with the budgeting process and also ensure monies are paid out in accordance with the gaming grant regulation.

**Trophy Case** – Tony Benn and Eric Miller will complete

**Reimbursement for Coaching Clinics**– Dana Dow would be interested in completing the coaching clinic. It consists of a webinar plus a full weekend commitment at a cost of \$350.

Motion: Budget amount for two coaching clinics to be paid out of club funds – all in favour

**Girl Guide/Scout 'Try New Sport' badge** – Karen Benn to approach Troop Leaders to see if they would be interested in trying speed skating to get a 'new sport' badge.

## **New Business**

**New Treasurer** – The Board accepted the resignation of Katie Benn, provided on September 30, 2018, and on file. Kim Dow was put forward as the new treasurer by Karen Benn. Kim Dow getting up to speed with the assistance of Ian Stewart.

Motion: all were in favour of Kim Dow as Treasurer

**Funale / BC Special Olympics** – our club is providing all the support for this two day meet and the Funale will run concurrently with the special olympics athletes. Eric Miller to send a list of officials to BCSSA. Ensure Vortex parents who have not already volunteered at a meet do so before February to bolster our volunteer numbers. Jason McDicken was put forth as a candidate who would volunteer at an upcoming meet to gain Level 1 certification.

**Try It Day Results** – two children showed up for Try It Day. Paige McDicken noted an error was made in not ensuring the brochure had prior school board approval. Next year we will need to get documentation into SD#22 early for this process, like August.

**Silver Star Exhibition Day** – Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 12:30 – 4:30pm was put forward as a possible date that fits with the rest of the club schedule.

**Gaming Grant Review**–the club received \$2,000 this year, which is approximately half of what the club was expecting. The correspondence from the community gaming grant review indicated the following deficiencies with our application 1) Account summary is due by March 31, 2018 and this is outstanding, 2) if 50 per cent of the organizations operating expenses are on hand in the form of unrestricted funds, the application is ineligible, 3) specific details and documentation regarding restricted funds for travel need to be provided, including meeting minutes where decisions were taken, 4) specific demographic on skaters need to be provided. All these items will need to be taken into account and carefully addressed before submitting our application for 2019.

**15% Family Discount** – discussed putting forward a discount of 15% for families registering 3 or more kids.

Motion: all in favour of 15% discount policy and Diana Hall to add to new policy manual

**Family Skate Night** – it was discussed the Family Skate Night should be encouraged so that all members come out and skate with the team members. It was suggested that we could make it more of a night by hosing a pot luck. Diana Hall will circulate a sign up sheet for pot luck on December 19, 2018.

**Skate Sharpening Workshop** – Tony Benn will be doing a skate sharpening seminar on Monday, October 22 at 6:15. This will be geared toward the competitive and new skaters to that they learn to maintain their own skates. Paige McDicken purchased Nathan Stewart's jig and the club members are welcome to use it to regularly maintain their skates.

**Fundraising Update** – Kim Dow will circulate Grillerz meat order forms the week of October 8<sup>th</sup> for collection November 16, 2018. Kim Dow also explained the concept of *Wine Survivor*. The Board loved this idea and would like to proceed with it and use it to possibly take the place of the pizza cards. Kim Dow will check into any issues regarding advertising alcohol as it relates to junior sports and proceed. Other possible fundraising discussed was a sporting gear swap meet and Kim Dow will do her fabulous ceramic cups again for the Funale and perhaps incorporate some special olympics theming into them.

**Speed Trap Night** – Karen Benn will be selecting a date in January to host this popular event with club members.

**BC Special Olympics** – Eric Miller and Karen Benn to attend meeting regarding use of the North ice surface as well as official numbers.

**Social Media Update** – Kim Dow has taken over our social media and Instagram platform. Please send her any photos and videos that you take.

**Apparel Order Update** – Paige McDicken discussed some possible promotion items with a new tech style baseball shirt in team colors, a water bottle with carabiner for pack fastening and hoodies etc. Paige will circulate an email to the club to see what interest there is in these items.

## **Adjournment**

Karen Benn adjourned the meeting at 18:14

Minutes submitted by: Paige McDicken, Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, October 29, 2018, 5:15pm at Kal Tire Place

**Important Dates:**

- December 3, 2018 - Skate-a-thon -- both sessions 5:15 - 6:45pm
  - December 19, 2018 - Family Skate -- first session 5:15 - 6:00pm
  - December 19, 2018 - Last Skate 2018
  - January 7, 2019 - First Skate 2019
  - January 14, 2019 - Speed Trap -- first session 5:15 - 6:00pm
  - February 23, 2019 - Funale
  - February 22 - 24, 2019 - Special Olympics
  - March 20, 2019 - Last Skate Day
  - April 3, 2019 - Awards/AGM

**No Ice Dates:**

- October 10, 17, 31, -- 2018
- November 7, -- 2018
- December 24, 26, 31 -- 2018
- January 2 -- 2019
- February 6, 20, -- 2019