Vernon Speedskating Club

Annual General Meeting minutes

Wednesday, April 5th 2017

Alexander’s Restaurant

**In attendance:** Attendance sheet attached.

**Motion to call to order at 18:43** by Peter Blokker, 2nd by Erik Miller

**Recognition of voting members:**  Erik Miller, Peter Blokker, Cor XXX, Mike Hall, Diana Hall, Tony Benn, Karen Benn, Trevor Rasmussen, Trina Isobe, Ian Stewart, Tracy Eddy, Julie Boyle, Andrew Smit, Emma McGinty.

**Review of minutes from 2016 AGM:** Motion to accept the minutes – Erik Miller, 2nd Julie Boyle.

**President’s Report:** See attached report.

The president gave her report and noted some highlights from 2016:

* Implementation of 3rd ice time.
* New registration fee had proved successful.
* Creation of a learn to skate program.
* Updated website.
* New mats for improved skater safety.
* Refund policy created and tested.
* Two lockers purchased to securely store the skates at KTP.
* Introduction of a competitive skater subsidy program.
* Introduction of a new fundraising stream through FundScrip.
* Gaming grant should be increased.
* Funtastic Grant awarded.
* Successful Funale.
* Secured Manulife and Interior Saving Sponsorship.

Moving forward into 2017; the President would like to focus on the following:

* The President will write a Policy Manual.
* Further develop coaches with training and search for new coaches.
* Conduct a membership drive.
* Create sign out sheets for equipment and develop a policy for its organization.
* Attempt to offset coaching expenses.

**Treasurer’s Report:** See attached report.

The treasurer noted that we currently only run cash accounting but as we own a lot of equipment we should attempt to set up a depreciation statement. Ian will seek advice from an accountant to move forward with this.

Ian also mentioned that the increase to registration fees worked well but we do need to increase our membership if we are to keep the club’s finances running well.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report**: Julie Boyle, 2nd Diana Hall.

**Coaches’ Report:** See attached report.

**Motion to accept the Coaches’ report:** - Julie Boyle, 2nd Erik Miller

**Acceptance of resignation of all past board members.**

**Election of Officers for 2017-18.**

**President** Diana Hall Motion to accept, Erik Miller, 2nd Ian Stewart

**Vice President** Tony Benn Motion to accept, Ian Stewart, 2nd Trina Isobe

**Treasurer** Ian Stewart Motion to accept, Mike Hall, 2nd Peter Blokker

**Secretary** Emma McGinty Motion to accept, Karen Benn, 2nd Peter Blokker

**Meet Co-ordinator** Erik Miller Motion to accept, Mike Hall, 2nd Tony Benn

**Other Appointments:**

Ice Bookings Peter Blokker

Track Surveyor Trevor Rasmussen

Website Manager Karen Benn

Registrar Trina Isobe

Contact Co-ordinator Karen Benn

Advertising and Promotions Diana Hall

Event Reporter Mike Hall

Awards Co-ordinator Karen Benn

Stock Clerk Tony Benn

Competition Registration Diana Hall

Try-It day Organiser **OPEN**

Grant Applications Ian Stewart and Mike Hall

AGM Award Organiser Emma McGinty

Tax Receipts Ian Stewart

Trophy Case Tony Benn

Photographer **OPEN**

**New Business**

**Returning skaters:** A show of hands was asked for skaters intending to register for the 2017-18 season. 12 skaters raised their hands.

**Important skate dates:**

Registration Day September 7th 2017 (skate fitting will take place concurrently downstairs at KTP)

First Ice Session September 11th 2017

Last skate 2017 December 21st 2017

First Skate 2018 January 8th 2018

Last Skate of Season March 21st 2018

**Interclub Meet:** Peter mentioned that he had already made a preliminary booking for 10th February to host the Interclub meet. It was noted that this is Family Day weekend and that parents from both our club and others would prefer that the Funale be held on another weekend so not to disrupt the long weekend. Moving the date from the Family weekend may also increase participant numbers. It was decided that the club would like to confirm the Provincial meet dates as the Funale is generally the last date to qualify and so must be held prior to the provincial meet with enough time to report any new qualifiers. The club members decided that 3rd February is the preferred choice with February 17th second.

**Ice Time:** Club members confirmed that the new 2016-17 ice times were suitable.

**Membership Drive:**

* Tony is investigating the possibility of placing a banner outside his place of work at Venture Training. It was stated that it costs $125/month to place a banner on the fence at MacDonald Park which is too expensive. The Venture Training Board of Directors will discuss the banner at their next meeting and will confirm with Tony.
* Tracy will make ensure that a flyer is distributed to all SD22 students.
* Trina is investigating the possibility of putting a table up during the Viper’s games at KTP.
* Other publicity was discussed including:
  + Advertising in the Vernon Recreation Centre and Guide
  + Advertising space in the North Okanagan Optimist Club – UnPlug & Play Brochure distributed to all SD22 Elementary school students and inserted into the Vernon Morning Star.
  + Advertising in the Morning Star Notebook.

**Date for next meeting:** May 10th at 7pm.

**Motion to adjourn 2017 AGM** by Ian Stewart, 2nd Emma McGinty.

Adjourned at 19:47