**Vernon Speed Skating Club**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, Dec 14, 2016 @ 5:30pm at Boston Pizza, Vernon, BC**

In Attendance: Board Members – Diana Hall, Tony Benn, Julie Boyle, Ian Stewart, Mike Hall

Motion to call the meeting to order at 5:54pm

Review of previous minutes – read overview of topics covered

Adoption of Agenda

Open Discussion:

Fundscrip – void cheque was provided by Tony to correct error of waiting for this in order to proceed. Diana will follow up with an email to her.

New Poster – one has been put up by Tony; Diana will have a second poster made to be put in second location.

Storage bins were purchased by Mike. One bin has been assembled by Mike; Tony will assemble the second bin. Tony now has both bins to be distributed to Kaltire Place to secure equipment.

Skate Guards – Mike has volunteered to purchase 5 pairs of guards to keep on hand with skates that will be stored in the locker/bins.

Travel Expenses:

Review of previous minutes was provided as starting point to further discussion. Competitions reviewed to understand criteria so that the board can make a decision on which races to fund families. At this point, all members agree that equal opportunity to race is important, meaning race qualifiers take precedence. Also, members agree that funding is for race locations outside the jurisdiction of the Okanagan. Funding expenses to Calgary is necessary if skaters qualify. We are disadvantaged because Vernon has no Long Track facility. It has been determined that all skaters are fast enough for BCLT and BCST which are held in Dawson Creek and Abbotsford respectively. Mike suggests we should all be going anyway because we skate as a club and all qualify. Some competitions require a necessary coach such as Can West and Cdn. Age Class and therefore should fund the coach. Board agrees to look at coaching expenses in the future. Ian proposes a membership drive. Diana will add this to the next agenda. After discussion, the Board selects BCLT, BCST, Cdn. Age Class LT (Edmonton), and Cdn. West ST (Saskatoon), to be supported financially by the club. All were in favour of these competitions, and all were in favour of a stipend of $70 for a two day meet, making each meet funded at $35 per day. Julie suggested unused money to go toward funding for summer camps; all were in favour. Diana will send an email to all club members letting them know of the options available for skater funding.

Spending Club Money:

Everyone agrees we need to reduce our cash on hand to satisfy the gaming grant requirements. Ian is keeping an eye on the percentage drop from 50% to satisfy the gaming grant rules. Wish lists will need to wait until the end of the season.

Additional Awards:

Tonight was selection, by vote, of the new awards the board wishes to add. All in favour voted for the Peter Blokker award to be first given to Peter for his outstanding contribution to the sport, both on and off the ice. Criteria selection was:

* Involvement with the sport of speed skating both on and off the ice
* Dedication to the sport of speed skating both on and off the ice
* All around sportsmanship and volunteering within the sport of speed skating both on and off the ice
* Attitude, enjoyment, longevity, and spirit that demonstrates a clear love and passion for the sport and in support of the sport of speed skating
* Performance does not matter

Gaming Money:

 $1500 still waiting for use, may go directly to ice costs. Ian will have better numbers as we approach the end of the season and a better review of the year to provide a clearer picture of next years budget.

Open Floor – no new items

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 18 @ 5:15pm @ Kaltire Place.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:07pm

Fundraise events:

 Pizza Cards – Sept. ---- complete

 Meat Orders – Nov & Feb ---- Nov. complete

 Skate-a-thon – Dec. ----- complete

 Funale Family Basket raffle – Jan.

 50/50 Funale – Feb

Dates to come:

 Skate-a-thon Dec 5

 Family Skate Dec 21

 Last Day X-mas Dec 22

 First Day back Jan 2

 Funale Feb 11

 Last Day of season Mar 16 AGM – Mar 22